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The Turkey Tasted Just Fine For AHS





AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL whipped arch-rival West Springfield High, 29-12 on Thanksgiving morning over in West Side. The victory stopped a two-game Turkey Day losing streak for the Brownies. IN LEFT PHOTO: A pizza party was held for the football Brownies at a bonfire pep rally at Harmon Smith Field on Thanksgiving Eve. IN RIGHT PHOTO: AHS cheerleaders perform in front of Brownie fans. RELATED STORIES AND MORE PICTURES IN SPORTS SECTION. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Geissler's Cuts Ribbon At New Agawam Store



MEMBERS OF THE GEISSLER'S SUPERMARKET family, along with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, and former Town Councilor and long-time food service industry executive Fred Nardi (far right) were on hand for the official grand opening of the new Geissler's Supermarket in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Monday, December 2nd. The store opened a few weeks ago. Holding the ribbon next to the Mayor (third from left) is Geissler's CEO Jim Nilsson. Related stories and photos in Spotlight On Business. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

After Veto Of Attorney, Mayor Blasts Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

No action was taken at Monday night's Town Council meeting on the Mayoral veto of the council's vote to hire attorney John F. Moriarty to advise the council in investigating the alleged misuse of public funds related to insurance consulting contracts between the town and Campbell Management Company of Feeding Hills.

Council President Nancy Thompson said the council could not take any action on the veto until December 5th, 10 days after the veto message was received by the council clerk. The council will then have 30 days in which to act.

Denouncing the council's move to investigate allegations of criminal activity (the misuse of public funds) as a smear campaign to discredit him and his administration, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he may be forced to obtain legal counsel to defend himself from libel and slander.

SEE BLASTS COUNCIL - Page 2...

Holiday Open House At Leonard House

The Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House extend their best wishes for every happiness this Holiday Season. Please join the trustees for their Annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 8th, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the town's most historic home, located at 633 Main Street, Agawam Center.

BLASTS COUNCIL - from Page 1...

Johnson said the council is acting outside the scope of its authority because Town Council Rule 38, which allows the council to investigate town departments and employees, is in conflict with state statutes.

Furthermore, Johnson said town employees are not indemnified by the town for actions which are not within the official scope of their employment.

Under Mass General Laws, the District Attorney's office, not the Town Council, is empowered to investigate criminal charges, Johnson said.

"I draw the line when they accuse me of criminal activity," Johnson said. "These guys are tap dancing all over that line."

Johnson said the contracts were investigated by the office of the state Inspector General and no violations of the procurement statute were found.

"The reckless spending of approximately $4,000 (an amount over two times the average one-family tax bill in Agawam) to investigate a matter which has been previously investigated by the appropriate state agency is a flagrant and gross waste of taxpayer dollars," Johnson said.

Johnson said he hired Andrew Campbell, a friend and former campaign contributor, because he is a nationally recognized expert in risk management, especially in the area of workman's compensation. Johnson said Campbell contributed to his 1989 campaign, but has not done so since being hired as an insurance consultant.

"Over the last six years, we've paid Andy Campbell $36,000 and he's saved the town approximately $2.5 million in insurance premiums and we have better coverage than we did before," Johnson said.

In his veto message to the council, Johnson gave 10 reasons for disapproving the council vote to hire Moriarty.

Johnson said the council had violated the Agawam Home Rule Charter by holding the public hearing on the issue after the deadline for taking the action had passed. He said the council further violated the charter by forming a sub-committee to review the material presented at an improper and illegal public hearing.

Council Lacks The Authority To Investigate...

Johnson said the council lacks the authority to investigate "the misuse of public funds" and lacks the authority to hire an attorney or to appropriate money from the Law Department to pay for those services.

Former Town Councilor Valentine R. Moreno, the individual who brought the charges to the council, has been an outspoken critic of the town's insurance consulting contracts with Campbell Management Company. He has frequently addressed the council on the matter during Citizen's Speak Time.

Moreno said he has questions on the legality of the contracts, whether the contracts meet the requirements of the state Procurement Act; whether the proper procedures were followed in making payments to the consultant; and whether the Mayor can unilaterally enter into such contacts without the approval of the council.

Last Friday, the sub-committee appointed to review the materials submitted by Moreno held its first meeting, but took no action due to the absence of Councilor Kent Servis, who was ill.

Sub-committee Chairman Gary Suffriti denied that the council is conducting a smear campaign against Johnson.

"Nobody has accused anybody (of criminal activity)," Suffriti said. "There's more than one aspect to this. I have a big concern that the council may have played a role in this. I hope we'll be able to clear up Mr. Moreno's concerns."

Suffriti said it was the council's obligation to look into any matter of concern to the taxpayers and that the committee would take great pains to see that their investigation was not slanted one way or the other.

Councilor Dennis Perry, the third sub-committee member, said the committee was on a fact-finding mission to review the information and make a recommendation to the full council on whether or not to involve Moriarty in the investigation.

Suffriti said there was a distinction between voting to hire an attorney and actually hiring the attorney. "It's possible he (Moriarty) may never be employed by the council. He's not on the clock until we make that phone call."

But Moreno said his attorney was prepared to seek out a court order to force the council to go consult with Moriarty on the material he had submitted at the November 18th public hearing.

Moreno said the committee must decide if there is enough evidence to merit being reviewed by an attorney. "My lawyer says, 'yes,'" Moreno said.

Agawam Post Office Extends Hours On Saturdays & Sundays During Holidays

The Agawam Post Office will be offering extended hours for the holiday season.

The extended hours are as follows:

Saturdays, December 7th and 14th: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Good Luck And Happy Holidays!



Letters To The Editor

Denny Marr Is A Doer For The Children Of Agawam

To The Editor:

Denny Marr has been active in Agawam youth sports for many, many years. He has put much time and effort into programs for our children's benefit.

This fall, many of the girls who were part of one of his Pioneer Valley Soccer teams participated at different levels in the high school soccer program.

He, like many others, cannot be given enough thanks for all that they have done four our children and our town.

With that thought in mind, I wrote the following poem as a small accolade on his behalf.

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE

He worked for years with our young girls
To teach them about the soccer world.
But we know there was more involved
Than tuning skills at handling balls.

Sure he taught them to turn and shoot.
He also taught them how to win and lose.
To lose with pride if they gave their best
Then he would say they passed the test.

He taught them how to work as a team.
He helped them grow their self-esteem.
Many hours on the field and off
Were spent with these girls' needs in thought.

Some skills they've learned, they'll take through life
As building blocks to help them strive
To reach the heights where they will go
With memories strong from these times they've known.

His girls have shared some heartfelt tears
But mostly shared some hard earned cheers.
They've built some friendships strong and true
And some may last a lifetime through.

So Denny-George we thank you now
For all the value you've endowed
In our young ladies, one and all
While they played hard with soccer balls.

Bill Gervais
Agawam

Turnout Was Disappointing For Veterans' Service In Town

To The Editor:

Did we forget?

On November 11, 1996, I attended a service at the Green in Agawam to honor our past and present veterans. Although some town dignitaries and some of our citizens did attend, I was appalled to see about 45 people who came to honor our veterans representing a town the size of Agawam. This is really shameful to have so few.

From the sands of Iwo Jima, the wintry fields of Germany, the steamy jungles of Vietnam, the hills of Korea, the bombing of Beirut, and the terrors of Desert Storm, our wonderful veterans did not forget us here at home.

I have witnessed more people going to bingo, movies, and many, many other places of entertainment, which makes it so sad when such a special event in our town showed such a small representation by our town citizens. Who but the veterans made it even possible for us to be able to have these fun things to do and go to?

Too bad in the picture of the Veterans' Day event put in *The Agawam Advertiser News,* it also showed all the "empty" spaces where people should have been.

I feel every public department in the future should easily send at least one representative to support the Veterans' Day honor provided by our town. I know some families cannot attend, but many people could easily. Students also need to be informed of what this day really means and not just a day when schools close.

I know our veterans would be so proud to see a good turnout for the Town of Agawam.

I would, in closing, like to make a suggestion that would also make us all stop and remember, and that is for as many churches as possible to ring their church bells.

I hope that on Veterans' Day of 1997, more people will be attending the wonderful ceremony our Town of Agawam provides.

Sincerely,
John P. Conroy
Agawam
(Korea - 1950 To 1954)

Call Firefighters Have New Locale For Selling Xmas Trees

To The Editor:
To The Residents Of Agawam:

For the past several years, the Agawam Call Firefighters have sold Christmas trees as a fundraiser. The profits from the sale of the trees are used to purchase equipment, support local groups like Boy Scouts, an elementary school, and most recently the Call Firefighters have purchased cellular phones for the Fire Department's two new firetrucks.

For the past three years, we were located at Rocky's Hardware. Unfortunately, with very little notice we were informed that Rocky's will be selling their own trees and we are forced to relocate.

This year, we will be selling trees at 102 Suffield Street, just up the street from Walnut Street Extension. Please look for our signs, and tell all your family and friends of our new location.

Happy holidays, and thank you for your continued support.

Members of the
Agawam Call Firefighters Association

Miracles Do Happen At Town Council Meetings

To The Editor:

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!!! I am referring to the latter part of the Town Council meeting on Monday, November 18, 1996. The Council **finally** showed that they are capable of conducting themselves in a civil, courteous manner. By discussing calmly and cooperating with each other, they were able to agree.

I have no problem with the Council having disagreements, but the majority of the time they are simply **DISAGREEABLE.** This, coupled with impugning the character of fellow councilors, is unnecessary and unacceptable. We can do without this behavior.

Further, Councilor Caba should omit the obscenities when he has something to say. I personally find it objectionable. In his role as Councilman his opinions surely can be stated minus the "flowery" language.

Sincerely,
Janet Davies
Feeding Hills

AHS Senior Kid Party Supported By Businesses

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School annual Senior Kid Party took place on Friday, November 22, 1996 in the cafeteria at the High School.

Students, dressed in costume, all had a great time dancing to the music of the disc jockey, Kenny Richards. Prizes were handed out for costume designs, and the evening ended with a bang as the students popped all the balloons in the orange and brown "97" balloon sculpture!

The class would like to thank Mrs. Scheve and the chaperones for the evening, whose work was limited due to the excellent behavior of the students. Thanks also go out to the sophomore and freshman class officers who came to take charge of the refreshments for the evening.

And a special thank you goes out to the following businesses who supported this event with their donations: E.B.'s Restaurant, King Yen, Peterjons, Movie Mart, McDonald's, Blimpie's, and Libery Package Store (for all that soda!). Your contributions reflect your recognition of the importance of "safe fun" events such as this.

Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Mouneimneh
and the AHS Class of 1997

Town Businesses Help Turnverein Boy Scouts

To The Editor:

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein would like to thank all of the local businesses for allowing them to use their establishments as a base to sell their candy bars from.

The sale was very successful. The Troop will benefit by using the profits to purchase necessary equipment, awards for the boys, and to fund their summer camping experience to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Boy Scout Troop 78 would like to thank Hallmark and individuals for their donations to support their recent Haunted House and Halloween Dance. A great time was had by all!

Thanks From Troop 78

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, December 6th
Free "First Friday" program
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Saturday, December 7th
"Christmas Bazaar" by
Agawam Senior Games Athletes
At Agawam Senior Center
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7th
Roast beef dinner by
Operation Friendship
At F.H. Congregational Church
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 8th
"Breakfast With Santa"
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Lioness Sends Thanks For Coverlet Support From Town

To The Editor:

The Agawam Lioness Club would like to thank the Town Hall, Library, High School, and Westfield Savings Bank for displaying the Historical Agawam Coverlet.

We would also like to thank the community for their support. It was a great success.

The funds from this project will be donated to Lioness-supported charities.

Thank You,
Agawam Lioness Club

CCBA Is The Group Which Opposes "Home Rule"

To The Editor:

If you had the opportunity to watch or read about the recent State Department of Public Utilities hearing, you would come away with the impression that this was simply an attack by the state on "home rule." The "home rule" issue in this case concerns the original 2-1 vote in favor of Berkshire Power by the Board of Appeals. This was ruled a "no" vote because one member voted in the negative.

Berkshire Power went to court over this issue and received a judgement that "the section of Agawam's zoning code relating to the height restriction in the industrial zone requires merely the approval of the ZBA, and since the section does not impose a special permit requirement, a majority vote is sufficient to approve the request" (Kathy Cassanelli, *The Agawam Advertiser News,* July 4, 1996).

The ZBA had subsequently reexamined this issue during two meetings in late June and early July, finally reaching agreement with Berkshire Power over the smokestock height issue. This agreement will mean an additional $7.4 million payment to the town over 40 years (see *The Agawam Advertiser News,* July 4th and July 11th). Home rule has worked, and a settlement has been reached within the appeals process of the Town.

By asking the DPU to grant this exemption, Berkshire Power will not be fighting a "home rule" decision, but the decision by the CCBA to go to court over the ZBA's settlement. On the contrary, Berkshire Power supports the settlement while the CCBA is against it. I guess a decision of "home rule" is supported by the CCBA only when it is in their favor.

As reported in the July 4th issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News,* the ZBA announced "its decision not to appeal the case and to enter into a settlement agreement with Berkshire Power." Even board member Mr. Raymond Gendron, who cast the lone negative vote the first time, voted this time to support the new settlement.

This exemption from the DPU will not thwart "home rule" because this exact exemption has already been granted by the ZBA. It will, however, thwart the CCBA's court case and, at the same time, support the settlement.

On the other hand, a court decision in the CCBA's favor would reject the "home rule" settlement, which was negotiated according to the rules and regulations of the ZBA and the town charter. Is the CCBA working in the best interest of the town, or its own? Which party is actually supporting the ZBA and its decisions? If you wish to check out the terms of this settlement, then go to the library and re-read Kathy Cassanelli's article in the July 11, 1996 edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News.*

Neither the Town of Agawam nor the ZBA have chosen to support the CCBA in its court case. Could that be because the CCBA is not supporting "home rule," but its own agenda?

No one wants the state dictating to the cities and towns on every issue, but in this particular case the state would be simply granting something that the ZBA has already granted; an exemption from the 40-foot height requirement, as it has done to many other structures in town.

Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

Agawam Police Arrest Blotter

On November 24, 1996, **Henry A. Vega** of 274 Orange St., Springfield was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On November 26, 1996, **Catherine Vandervliet** of 616 Thompsonville Road, Enfield, Connecticut was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

On November 28, 1996, **Denise R. Douglas** of 109 Federal St., Agawam was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On November 28, 1996, **Robert E. Hawthorne** of 775 Springfield St., Feeding Hills was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order.

On November 29, 1996, **Erin Brown** of 611 Suffield St., Agawam was arrested and charged with domestic violence.

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGWAM
PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:15 o'clock p.m., on Monday, December 16, 1996 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated November 22, 1996 for permission to relocate pole approximately 25 ft. Southerly of existing pole number 104 in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dates this 3rd day of December, 1996.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 787-9460.

Petition No. DRG 1350 **STREET: River Road**
Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Computer Facility Tour

The public is invited to join School Superintendent **Dr. Frank Ameruoso** and the School Committee on a tour of the newly installed computer facilities at the High School on Tuesday, December 10th. The tour will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the main office.

Ameruoso said he is excited to be able to showcase the computer technology updates at the school. Although some of the equipment is not yet in place, a substantial amount of the $300,000 in updated equipment is installed and operational.

"This won't be just a tour of the facilities," Ameruoso said. "Students have volunteered to come in and demonstrate how they're using the new technology."

By the end of the year, the school system will have state-of-the-art computer technology installed for grades seven through 12 and in the administrative offices. Next year, they're hoping to update computer technology for the elementary schools, Ameruoso said.

Bellico Still A Historian

Feeding Hills resident **Richard Bellico** will continue working to preserve the town's historical treasures into the 21st century.

The town council confirmed Bellico's reappointment to the Historical Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2000 by a unanimous vote of all councilors present at Monday night's meeting.

Several councilors thanked Bellico for his years of service to the town and called him an asset to the community.

Councilor **Gary Suffriti** said, "We don't always see eye to eye, but I want to take this opportunity to thank him for what he's done. The town is a better place because of him."

Councilor **George Bitzas** praised Bellico for the excellent job he's doing on the Beautification Committee and the Historical Commission.

Kudos To AHS Boys' Soccer

The Agawam High School boys' soccer team received the individual congratulations of the town councilors and a council resolution honoring their outstanding 1996 season at Monday night's meeting.

Sponsored by Councilor **George Bitzas,** the resolution honors the team for placing first in the Churchill-Moriarty Division and for winning the Western Massachusetts Division I Quarterfinals and Western Massachusetts Division I Semifinals.

Speaking as the proud father of two of the team members, Bitzas said, "This is absolutely one of the finest group of individuals I have ever met.'

Called up on the stage with his players to receive citations from the council, Coach **Dwight Northrup** said, "I've always had a philosophy when coaching the kids: Good things happen to good people. But, this year I've learned special things happen to special people."

Power Plant Ballot Question

Plans to petition for a non-binding ballot question judging public support for the proposed Berkshire Power project are about to be launched — again.

Councilor **Dennis Perry** said a resident who has been neutral in the power plant controversy contacted him asking for a ballot question after the state Department of Public Utilities hearing on the exemption from Agawam zoning requested by Berkshire Power.

Perry said people are concerned that the state can override local zoning laws. By taking the pulse of the public opinion, a ballot question would let the state Department of Public Utilities know where the town residents stand on the issue of a state exemption from local zoning laws for the power plant developers.

Perry said the petition will ask for a special election in the spring on the question: Should Berkshire Power be allowed to build and operate a power plant in Agawam?

People on both sides of the issue are being asked to sign the petition for a special election as a chance to take a stand for or against Berkshire Power, Perry said.

A question can be placed on the ballot by the town council if it receives a petition signed by 50 registered voters, but the Mayor would have the chance to veto the question, Perry said. Eight votes would be needed to override a veto by the Mayor, who remains a staunch power plant supporter.

Perry said another way to place a ballot question is to gather signatures from one-tenth (about 2,000) of the town's registered voters.

In the last municipal election, two town councilors who opposed a referendum on Berkshire Power lost their seats, while the top six vote-getters **(Suffriti, Skolnick, Simpson, Perry, Caba,** and **Langone)** supported the power plant referendum.

Topping the council ticket in 1995, Councilor Gary Suffriti said the outcome of the election had less to do with the merits of the power plant than with the voters' frustration at being denied the right to vote on the issue.

A special election will cost the town about $5,000.

The Veterans' Corner

VA Provides Headstones And Markers For Graves

Q. I know the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) provides headstones and markers for graves of veterans anywhere in the world. If a grave marker is not correct, should the marker be returned? If so, who would pay the return cost?

A. If a marker is incorrect, contact the VA's Office of Memorial Program (OMP), Applicant Assistance Division, at 1-800-697-6947, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except on federal holidays.

When a replacement is authorized, OMP will give instructions to destroy all stone headstones or markers and make provisions for the return of the bronze markers to the manufacturer at government expense.

Q. Will VA replace a marker that has deteriorated from exposure to the weather or vandalism?

A. Vandalism, stolen, or deteriorated headstones or markers, including those weather-worn to the extent they are no longer legible, will be replaced at government expense.

Before approving replacement, OMP will need a photograph of the deteriorated marker, or a report of vandalism or theft. OMP will not replace headstones or markers solely for cemetery beautification purposes.

Q. My father served in the Air Force and the Army. Will VA pay to have both branches of service placed on his grave marker?

A. Space permitting, more than one rank and branch of service are authorized in the inscription. This is more easily accommodated on upright headstones than on flat markers.

The VA's national cemetery system suggests listing the branches of service only, or the highest rank and its respective branch of service and other branches of service without the rank, where space is limited.

Q. When is a flag of the United States placed on a veteran's grave?

A. In cities and towns where there are cemeteries containing the remains of deceased veterans, such cities and towns shall cause to be placed on such veteran's grave a flag of the United States on every Memorial Day.

If you know of a veteran's grave that did not receive a flag on Memorial Day or the flag was stolen, you can contact the local veterans' agents or directors of veterans' services to pick up a replacement flag or have a flag placed on the veteran's grave.

Some graves are missed, but with your assistance this can be corrected.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information mentioned in this article, contact Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent, Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236.

(Next week - "VA Guaranteed Home Loan.")

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1996, at 6:55 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of EUGENE A. GATES who is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the storing of up to fifteen (15) unregistered vehicles at the premises identified as 69 GARDEN STREET, GATES AUTO SERVICE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at 7:00 pm, in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, on the proposal of Sunday Openings of Package Stores the Sundays preceding Christmas and New Year's Day.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION
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County & Town Butting Heads Over Planned Bike Path On River Road

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a recent survey conducted by the town's Planning Department, neighbors of the proposed Connecticut Riverwalk and Bikeway overwhelmingly chose the most ambitious of three alternate designs for a bike path running from the South End Bridge to Borgatti Park.

But, the heart of the project — a 16-foot, multi-use trail along the riverbank between School Street and Borgatti Park — may never be built without an easement from the Hampden County Commission, according to Town Planner and Riverwalk Committee Chairwoman Deborah Dachos.

"We're ready to go out to bid on the project in the spring, but first we need an easement from the Hampden County Commissioners," Ms. Dachos said. "The final easement documents were sent to the commission in mid-November, but they have taken no action so far."

Ms. Dachos said the Riverwalk Committee has received $3.5 million in federal funding for construction of Phase I of the project. This includes the Agawam secion and a five-mile stretch along the riverbank in Springfield, from the South End Bridge to the Chicopee city line.

"It would be a tremendous shame for Agawam to miss out on this," Ms. Dachos said. "Springfield is going forward. They've already gotten their easement or the commitments, and we're pretty sure they're going to receive their local matching funds. Neighborhood groups are petitioning for their sections to be done first."

Hampden County Commissioner-Elect Abe Kasparian of Agawam, who campaigned on the issue of returning all county land to the town, said the commissioners feel that the involvement of the county would be an asset in the area of maintenance and security for the bike path.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson doesn't agree.

Johnson said, "This is simply an excuse by the County Commissioners in trying to justify their own existence and put more money in their coffers."

As requested by the current commissioners, Kasparian said he has drawn up detailed specifications for trail security, trail maintenance, and a system of fines to be imposed for offense such as littering on the bike path.

Under the plan submitted by Kasparian, the county would charge the town hourly rates, plus a 15 percent administration fee, for maintenance workers and bike patrol rangers at a rate of $21.19 and $42.43, respectively. The fines collected would be used to reduce the monthly charge to the town or city where the fine was collected.

Kasparian Favors A Licensing Agreement...

Kasparian said he favors a licensing agreement for the bike path under which Agawam would be responsible for maintenance and security on the bike path and for providing the county with liability insurance. In addition, the county would have the authority to back-charge the town for work the county would have done if the town fails to properly maintain the bike path and insure safety.

Kasparian said he agreed with Commissioner Richard Thomas' concern that funding for maintenance of the bike path would be lost during times of tight local finances.

Johnson said maintaining the bike path might require the addition of a summer DPW position, but the cost would be minimal and security for the trail would be no problem for the Police Department's bike patrol.

Given its location along River Road, the bike path would not be difficult for the Police Department to monitor, especially with the bike patrol as part of the department's Community Policing Program, Johnson said.

Johnson said the bike path would qualify as a roadway and would be subject to the strict statutory limits on recovery (the cap is $5,000) and the requirement that it must be demonstrated that the town had been on notice (of a defect) before any recovery is allowed.

"The liability issue is absolutely the most ridiculous argument I've ever heard," Johnson said.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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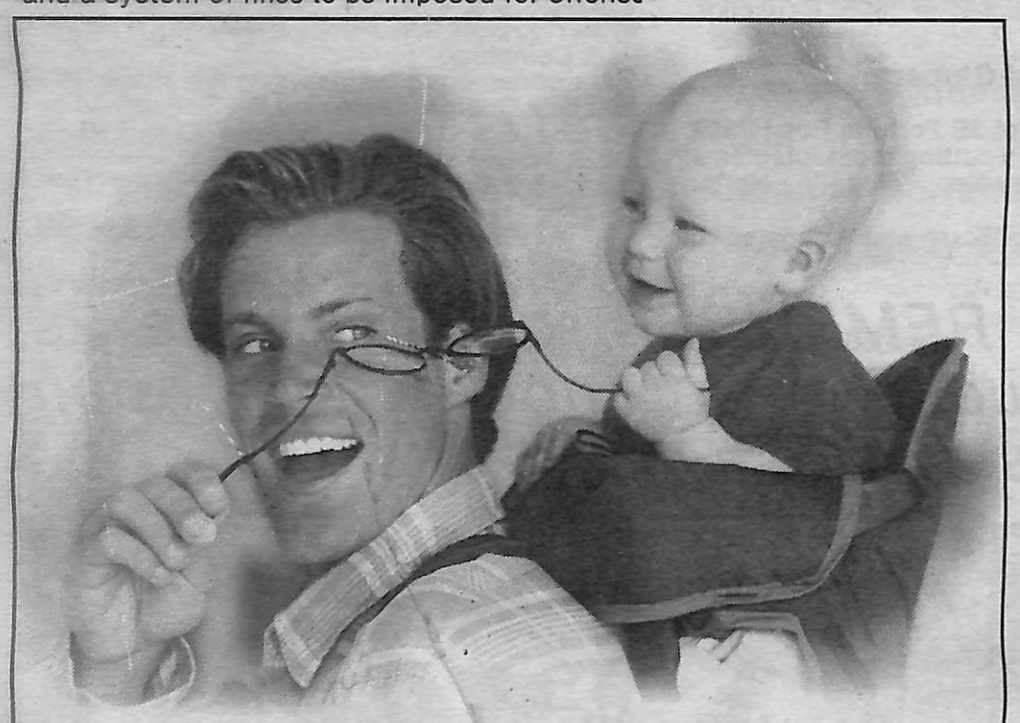
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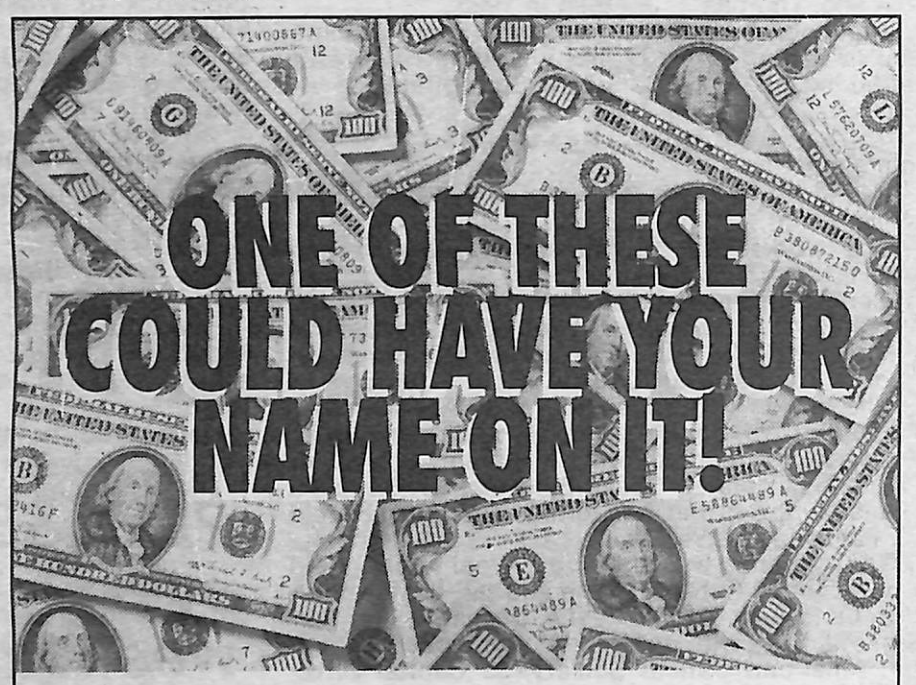
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Agawam Obituaries

Ralph J. Puopolo

Ralph J. Puopolo, 38, of 165 Leonard St., Agawam, died at home. He was a five-year manufacturing representative for Louisiana Pacific, weather seal division.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, he lived 12 years in Agawam. He was a board member of the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League and the West Springfield Youth Soccer Club; a youth basketball coach for the West Springfield Park and Recreational Leagues, and a former president of the Agawam Booster Club for skiing and soccer.

He leaves his wife, the former Lois M. Pugliano; his mother, Mafalda Puopolo of North Providence, Rhode Island; two step-daughters, Aimee Racicot and Nicole Racicot, both of Agawam; two sisters, Diane Quattrucci and Brenda Haddad, both of North Providence.

The funeral will be Friday morning at Mariani Funeral Home in Providence and in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in North Providence, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Providence, Rhode Island. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm St., Suite 9A, West Springfield, 01089.

Gladys H. Walsh

Gladys H. (Patnode) Walsh, 78, of Oceala, Florida, and formerly of Springfield, MA, died recently in Monroe Regional Hospital.

Born in Gardner, MA, she lived most of her life in Springfield. She moved to Florida in 1993.

She was a foster mother for many years.

Her husband, Thomas T. Walsh, died in 1972.

She leaves a daughter, Patricia A. Bouchard of Feeding Hills; a brother, Raymond of West Hartford, CT; a sister, Beatrice Foley of Florida; four grandchildren; and a foster son, David Wells of Oceala.

A son, Thomas T. Jr., died in 1993.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield.

Judith A. Passerini

Judith A. (Salerno) Passerini of 164 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died at home.

She worked for the Salvation Army in Springfield for 15 years.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Longmeadow and attended schools there. She moved to Feeding Hills 24 years ago, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves two sons, Jay M. of Agawam and Michael J. of Longmeadow; a daughter, Jill A. Passerini of Feeding Hills; a brother, Edward of Hampden; a sister, Susan Schweizer of Lenox; a granddaughter; and her former husband, Harold M. Passerini of Westfield.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Philip L. Taylor

Philip L. Taylor, 81, of 9 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died in a local nursing home. He was an employee of Pittsfield Paper Co. and retired in 1979.

He had been a salesman for the former American News Co. of Springfield for 19 years. Born in Haverhill, he was a graduate of the Atkinson, New Hampshire, Academy. He lived in West Springfield for 43 years before moving here, and attended the West Side's Mittineague Congregational Church.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and belonged to the Fellowship of Retired Men in West Springfield. He leaves his wife of 54 years, the former Elsie M. Whitney; two sons, Philip W. of Arlington, Virginia, and Bruce I. of Wilton, Connecticut; a daughter, Jeanne L. Springmann of Gaithersburg, Virginia; a brother, Walter of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida; two sisters, Frances Wade of Naples, Florida and Elvira Stone of Gulf Port, Florida, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be arranged in the church, and the burial will be in Arlington, Virginia National Cemetery. Alternative Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1040 Westfield St., West Springfield, 01089, or the Council for Aging memorial gift fund at 128 Park Ave., West Springfield, 01089.

Genevieve K. Fafara

Genevieve K. (Lubas) Fafara, 82, of Agawam, an employee of the former Rainbow Girls Coat Co. in Springfield, died at a local nursing home.

Born in West Warren, she lived in Springfield most of her life. She moved here 15 years ago, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. Her husband, Walter S. Fafara, died in 1989.

She leaves four nephews, Harold Broderick of Agawam, Francis Broderick of Ludlow, Raymond Broderick of Westfield, and Edward Lubas of Florida; three nieces, Winifred Wynne of West Springfield, and Dorothy Soldyga and Frances Banas of Easthampton, and her longtime friend, Rosemarie Pedulla of Agawam.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Edward Giguere

Edward Giguere, 76, of 3E Fortune Road West, Middletown, New York, a cutting room foreman at several apparel companies, died in Norton Hospital.

He retired in 1992. Born and schooled in Chicopee, he lived in Westfield, Ludlow, and Agawam before moving to New York several years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He leaves two sons, Gerald of the Florence section of Northampton, and David of East Hanover, New Jersey; a sister, Flora Robinson of Westfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Robert E. Cusack Funeral Home and in St. Mary's Church, with burial in the parish cemetery, all in Westfield.

William A. Garvin

William A. Garvin, 94, of Agawam, formerly of Holyoke, died in an Agawam nursing home. He was a traffic manager at Holyoke Card and Paper Co. of Springfield, retiring in 1968.

Born in Holyoke, he attended local schools and was a longtime resident prior to moving to Agawam. His wife, the former Noella Desrochers, died in 1990.

He leaves two sons, Attorney William A. of Agawam and Richard B. of Chicopee; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Messier Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in Sacred Heart Church and burial in Notre Dame Cemetery in South Hadley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm St., Suite 9A, West Springfield, 01089 or to the American Lung, Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, 01105.

Antoine J. Savage

Antoine J. "Tony" Savage, 79, of 62 Brookline Ave., Feeding Hills, died recently at home. He was a 28-year inspector for Titeflex Corporation in Springfield, retiring in 1980.

Born in Montreal, Canada, he lived in Springfield prior to moving here in 1973. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church, Springfield and an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the West Springfield-Agawam Elks, the Barcomb Trowbridge Veterans of Foreign War Post 6714 in West Springfield, and the American Legion 185, Agawam.

He leaves a dear friend, Edith A. (Skoblicki) Peritz of Feeding Hills. The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, followed by services in the church and burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church, 82 Howard St., Springfield or to Hospice Life Care, 330 Whitney Ave., P.O. Box 10428, Holyoke, 01041.

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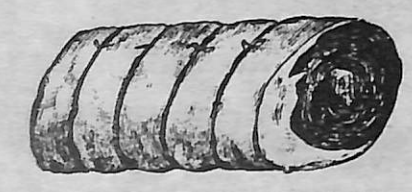
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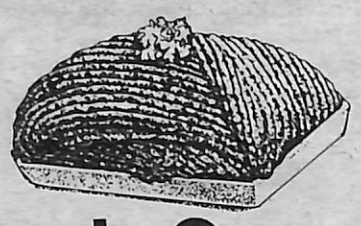
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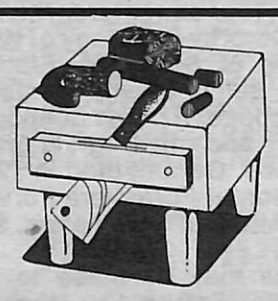
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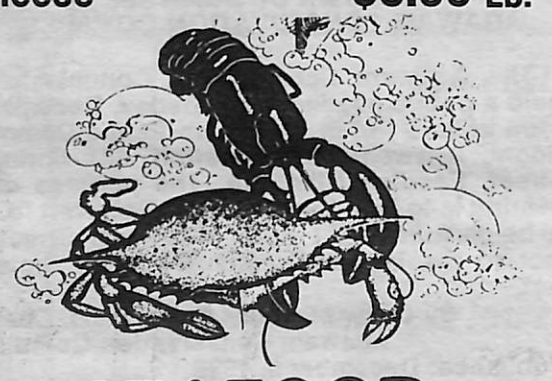


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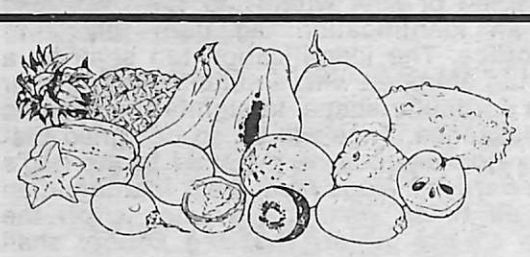
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TOWN OF AGAWAM
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1996, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH which is seeking a SPECIAL PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-88 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a sign, at the premises identified as 697-703 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1996 at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of RIVERSIDE PARK ENTERPRISES, INC. which is seeking a SPECIAL PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-49 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a Loop Roller Coaster at the premises identified as 1623 MAIN STREET.

Ronald Hebert
Chairman

Published: December 5, 1996

OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

Robert Charles Fouche

Robert Charles Fouche, 68, of 11 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died in Western Massachsuetts Hospital.

He was a retired employee of the Work Opportunity Center in Agawam. Born in Westfield, he was a member of the Community Service and Educational Alternatives of Springfield and the Agawam Senior Center and Fellowship for Retired Men.

He leaves his guardians, Gerald and Clare Fouche of Westfield; two aunts, Vera Raymond and Helen Fouche, both of Westfield; several cousins.

The funeral was at Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, followed by services in St. Mary's Church and burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Ednowment Tree Fund, 30 Bartlett St., Westfield, 01018 or to Association for Community Living, 1 Carando Drive, Springfield, 01104.

Mary Ida Bolduc

Mary Ida (Normand) Bolduc, 94, of 47 Quail Hollow Road, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. She worked for the Springfield Lunch Department from 1941 to 1964.

Born in Brunswick, Maine, she lived several years in Agawam. She was a member of Living Waters Fellowship Church, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and volunteered at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

She leaves two sons, Leo of West Springfield and Ray of Largo, Florida; four daughters, Theresa Cummings of Agawam, Dorothy Drewiany of West Springfield, Joyce Hottin of Seminole, Florida, and Anita Deblois of Belchertown; a sister, Yvonne Germain of Chicopee; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Another son, Gerald, died in 1969.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund, 200 Spring St., Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096.

Ashley R. Cooley, Jr.

Ashley R. Cooley, Jr., 68, of 7 Park Hill, East Windsor, Connecticut, died recently at home. He owned and operated the Cooley Garage in Feeding Hills for 25 years, and retired in 1980.

Born in Springfield, he was a Navy veteran of World War II, and served on the USS Jason. He lived most of his life in Feeding Hills, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632 in Agawam.

He moved to Broad Brook five years ago. He leaves four sons, John R. of Feeding Hills, Lee R. of Stafford, Connecticut, Bill E. of Galway, New York, and Clay of Sarasota, Florida; four daughters, Barbara A. Bushee of Broad Brook, Teresa M. Wisniewski of Blandford, Mass., Mary Richard of Springfield, and Ann M. Locke of Enfield, 18 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Rose D. Ronchi

Rose D. Ronchi, 84, of 102 Maple St., Agawam, died at Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield. She was a 20-year employee in the Agawam School System, retiring in 1975.

Born in Voghera, Italy, she lived here most of her life and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

She was a member of the Agawam Golden Agers and the former Victor Emmanuel Women's Club. She leaves her husband, Peter L. Ronchi; a son, Peter J. of Westfield; a brother, Raymond of Springfield; two sisters, Irene Montagna of Agawam and Rena Verbeck of Titusville, Florida; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Edward H. Abrahamson

Edward H. Abrahamson, 87, of 305 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, a former area big-band leader, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 44-year claims examiner for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, and retired in 1972. He was a well-known area band leader and established Eddie Abrahamson and his Commanders in 1930.

The aggregation performed during the heyday of the big bands in the Embassy Room of the former Kimball Hotel in Springfield, at the West Springfield YMCA, and at the Silhouette Nite Club and the Mountain Laurel Restaurant in Enfield.

He had his own radio program on Station WTIC in Hartford, and performed throughout Western Massachusetts until 1972.

Born in Thompsonville, Enfield, he moved to Springfield in 1936. He was a member of the Newton Masonic Lodge in Wilbraham, and the Consistory and Melha Shrine Temple in Springfield.

He was a former president of the Melha Shrine Band, and a member of the Ludlow Country Club. He was in the American Federation of Musicians.

He moved to Stuart, Florida in 1972, and here earlier this year.

He leaves his wife, the former Elva Feltham; a sons, Neil A. of Naples, Florida; a daughter, Karen L. Withee of Agawam; seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, 01104.

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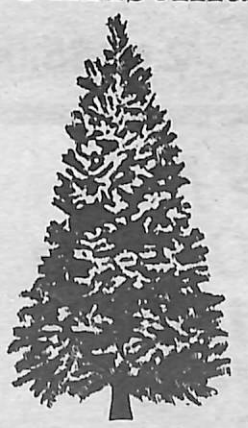
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Julie Dialessi Passes State Bar Exam & Gets Position In Chicopee

Julie Ann Dialessi has recently passed the Massachusetts State Bar Exam and has been retained by the Law Firm of Murphy, McCoubrey & Auth, L.L.P. in Chicopee as an Associate Attorney. Ms. Dialessi is the first female attorney in Murphy, McCoubrey & Auth, L.L.P.'s 63-year history.

Attorney Dialessi is a May 1996 graduate of Western New England College School of Law and a 1993 graduate of Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island. Attorney Dialessi wsa honored to have been chosen by a committee of her peers to deliver the Commencement Address at her School of Law Graduation Exercises at Symphony Hall this past May.

In addition to graduating at the top of her class, Attorney Dialessi was the recipient of a CALI Excellence in the Future Award for Law and Economics and also Estate Planning.

While a student at Western New England College School of Law, Attorney Dialessi was chosen to represent the school as a two-year member of the school's Association of Trial Lawyers of America Moot Court Competition Team; she was an active participant in the Student Bar Association; Chairperson of the Graduation Class Committee; a member of the Women's Law Association; secretary of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; and involved with the American Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association. Attoreny Dialessi is currently seeking admission to the Connecticut Bar and Federal Bar.

Attorney Dialessi is a resident of Agawam and the daughter of Robert G. and Lynn P. Dialessi of 22 Reed Street, Agawam.

Holiday Baskets Again Being Prepared By Jr. Women's Club

The Holiday Baskets sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club has helped 50 families this year to have a happier Thanksgiving, and we hope a Merry Christmas. Thanksgiving was accomplished through the generosity of several local businesses and groups, including two of Agawam's six schools; Agawam High School and Clifford Granger Elementary.

Businesses that have contributed to this two-holiday project include Lucia Lumber, Country Squire Furniture, E. Cecchi Farms, Woronoco Savings, Waniewski Farm, Inc., Agawam Federal Credit Union, Medical West, Agawam Lions Club, and the Agawam Baptist Church.

Those donating non-perishable food include Fitness First, Fleet Bank, Fini Plant Farm, Medical West, Boy Scout Pack 77 of St. John's Church, Agawam Town Hall, Agawam Senior Center, Agawam Public Library, Public Market, Baptist Church, Big Y, Food Mart, Stop & Shop, along with Granger School and Agawam High School.

Christmas Baskets still need to be filled and donations would be greatly appreciated. We have 50 families and need assistance with purchasing approximately 45 turkeys in the 10 to 12 pound range to complete those baskets.

If you would like to donate a turkey or contribute towards their purchase, please write to Holiday Baskets, c/o Agawam Jr. Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001, or call Holiday Baskets, 786-3327 for pick-up of donations.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Blue Shutters Plan Annual Craft Sale On Shoemaker Lane

The Blue Shutters will again hold its annual Craft Sale on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 969 Shoemaker Lane in Feeding Hills.

Featured will be home-grown and homemade jams, jellies, and pickles ready for gift-giving in addition to other home-crafted items. Fresh-baked bread and muffins will also be available.

Items from Cupolo Hollow of West Suffield and handmade dolls by Nancy Doucette of Feeding Hills will also be on sale. Theresa Barlow of the Blue Shutters invites you to stop by and sample some of the gift-giving items.

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MR. & MRS. MICHAEL J. MULRENAN

Amy Lynne Schroeder Becomes Bride Of Michael J. Mulrenan

Amy Lynne Schroeder, the daughter of Jack and Karen Schroeder of 13 Squire Lane, Feeding Hills, became the bride of Michael J. Mulrenan on September 21, 1996.

The wedding was held at St. Charles Church in Woburn, and the reception followed at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Burlington.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Boston University. She is employed at Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Boston.

The groom is a graduate of Woburn High School and received his Master's in Physical Therapy from Boston University. He is employed at Orthopaedics Plus in Burlington.

The couple honeymooned in Ireland and currently reside in Stoneham, MA.

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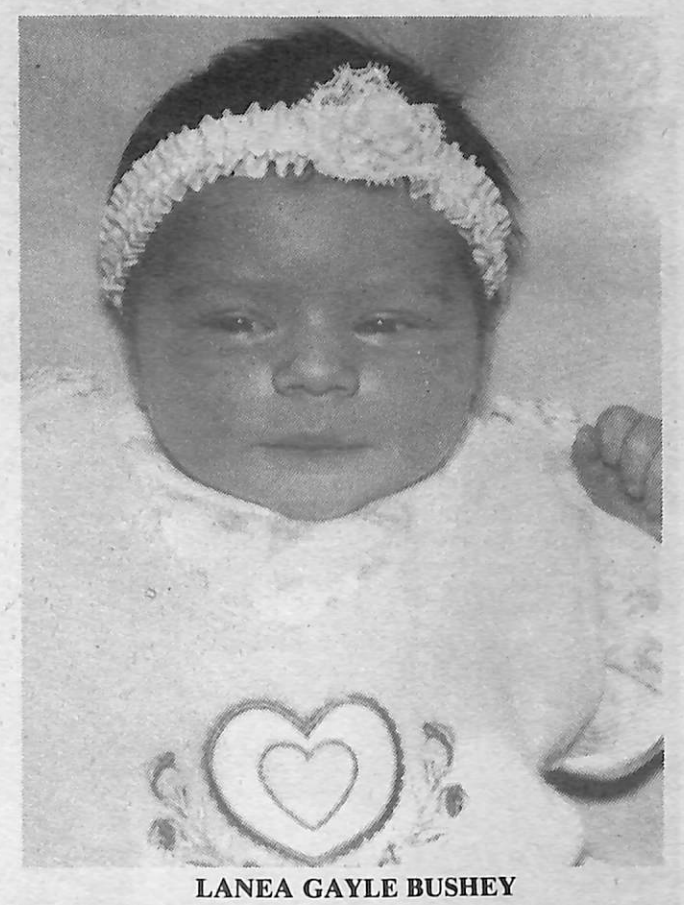
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Children's Giving Tree At Tower Square

The 13th Annual Children's Giving Tree is now being held at Tower Square in Springfield. Everyone is invited to hang an ornament on the tree, which will stand until December 20th.

Now a local tradition, the Children's Giving Tree, sponsored by Milton Bradley Company, has provided more than 230,000 holiday presents to disadvantaged children in the last 12 years.

For every handmade ornament placed on the Tree, Milton Bradley donates a toy or game to a needy child in the Springfield area.

The gifts are distributed in time for the holidays by three local agencies: The Salvation Army's Toy for Joy, the Community United Way of Pioneer Valley, and the Marine Corps Toys for Tots.

Santa Claus Breakfast By Jr. Women's Club

On December 8th, Santa Claus will be visiting the Agawam Senior High School from 9:30-11:30 a.m. to meet all good boys and girls for a pancake and sausage breakfast. He is asking that children bring their letters addressed to Santa, if they have not mailed them. Photos will be taken of Santa and your child upon request.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the breakfast and looks forward to the many children who attend every year. Tickets will be available at the door: Adults - $4; Children - $2.50, photos - $2 each.

Food during the holiday season this year is in short supply for our elderly and our needy in town. A donation of a canned good would be appreciated.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Womens Clubs and the General Federation of Womens Clubs in Massachusetts.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, December 9th: Pork cutlet with gravy, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, December 10th: Birthdays and anniversaries — chicken leg, wild rice, turnip, rye bread, cake.

Wednesday, December 11th: Apple juice, shepard's pie, peas, Canadian oat bread, mixed fruit.

Thursday, December 12th: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, corn, rye bread, pears.

Friday, December 13th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, spinach, wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

Agawam "Senior Games" Activities

Christmas Bazaar On Dec. 7th

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th at the Agawam Senior Center from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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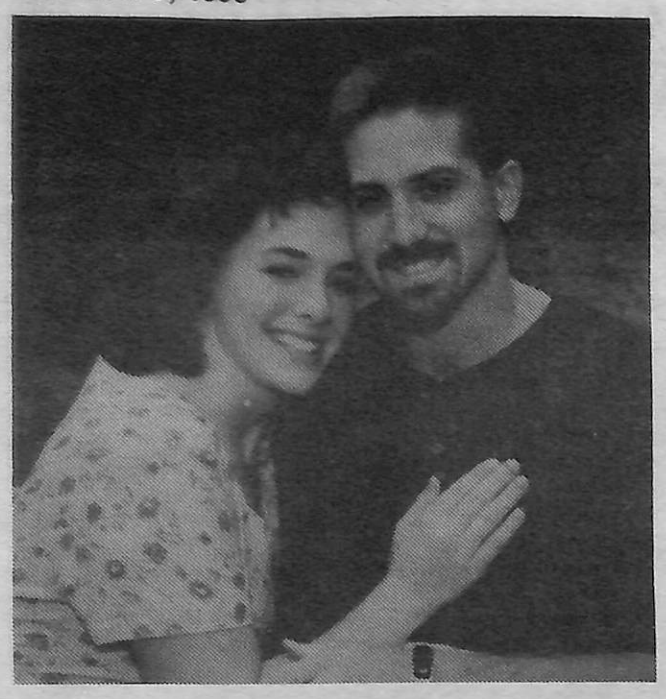


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JENNIFER JORGENSEN & STEVEN MOCCIO

Jennifer Jorgensen Is Engaged To Wed Steven Moccio

Susan and Andrew Jorgensen, 26 Old Mill Road, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jorgensen, to Steven Moccio of Agawam. He is the son of Janice and Albert Moccio, 60 Royal Street, Agawam.

The future bride is a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School. She attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, and currently attends American International College in Springfield, pursuing a degree in nursing.

The future bridegroom graduated from Agawam High School in 1992 and Hartwick College in 1996. He currently teaches physics and is an assistant football coach at Windsor High School in Windsor, Connecticut.

The couple are also the proud parents of a son, Tyler Anthony Moccio.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 21, 1997.

Upcoming Activities At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is holding its annual Christmas party for adults on Saturday, December 14th. A baked stuffed chicken breast dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations may be made with Christa Strehl at 786-0143, or at the Club, 786-0924. Deadline for reservations is December 11th.

Following dinner, the music of the "Dan Kane Band" will entertain us. There will be music for dancing and listening pleasure, and the members of our Ladies' Glee Club and Men's Singing Section will lead the singing of favorite Christmas carols.

We invite all our friends to join us for a memorable evening!

Our Cultural Committee is planning a Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 15th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. There will be a film on how the people of Frankenmuth, MI, celebrate Christmas. A sing-along of Christmas carols will follow.

A special presentation by Kurt Strehl will show how to make a "Feuerzangelbowle," translated a "Fire Tong Punch." It gets its name from the fire tongs which are shaped like a trowel with perforations upon which rests a sugar cone drenched with brandy; this is flamboyed and the flames melt the sugar to drip down into a bowl of mulled wine. Of course, the tongs are beautifully fashioned of copper, and the whole thing adds elegance and beauty to any holiday table. Kurt will give out the recipe upon request.

A coffee hour with holiday goodies, cookies, and stollen will follow. Bring your friends to bring back memories or to learn a little about the wonderful German heritage our members have brought to us.

JACK DEVINE needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your events. 789-0053.

Holly Days Bazaar Set By West Side Legion

The Annual Holly Days Bazaar sponsored by West Springfield Unit No. 207 of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held in the Legion Home on Park Avenue, West Springfield on December 7th and 8th.

The doors will open at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and continue until 5:00 p.m. and will open at noon on Sunday and continue until 5:00 p.m. The raffle drawings will be conducted at the close of the bazaar on Sunday afternoon. The kitchen will be open each day with a varied menu.

Many beautiful items have been prepared with a large committee assisting Unit President Theresa Putman. Chairwomen are: Santa's Kitchen, Mary Ann Ventulett and Angela Leporati; Christmas Crafts, Theresa Putman and Mary Wellman; Santa's Attic Treasurers, Rose Mezzetti; Christmas Gifts, Irene Conway and Kathy Granger; Homemade Food, Rose Raineault and Marie Colbert; 10-4 Table, Irene Dion; Juniors Table, Beatrice Reopel; Bazaar Raffle, Beatrice Franks; Country Store, Linda Marcil and Barbara Matus.

Proceeds from this annual event will be used for the holiday activities of the unit at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke and the VA Medical Center in Northampton, as well as supporting gifts to community efforts, Gold Star Mothers, and shut-in members of the unit.

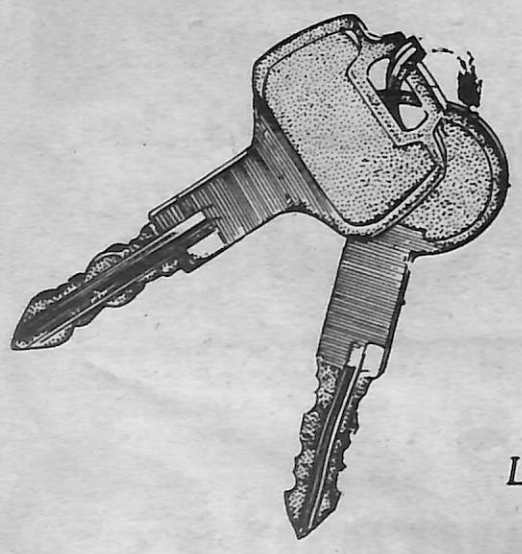
Memorial Services Held At West Side-Agawam Elks Lodge

The West Springfield-Agawam Elks held Memorial Services on Sunday, December 1, 1996 at the Lodge at 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Memorial Services are held every year on the first Sunday in December to honor all members who have passed on.

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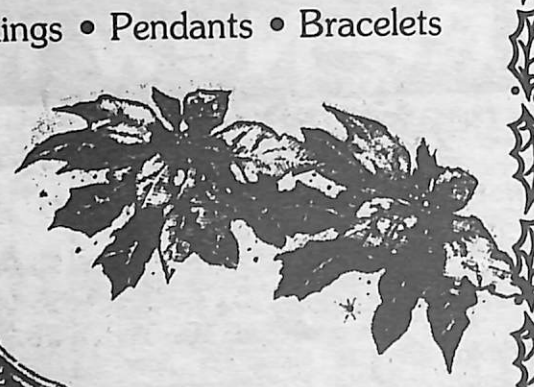
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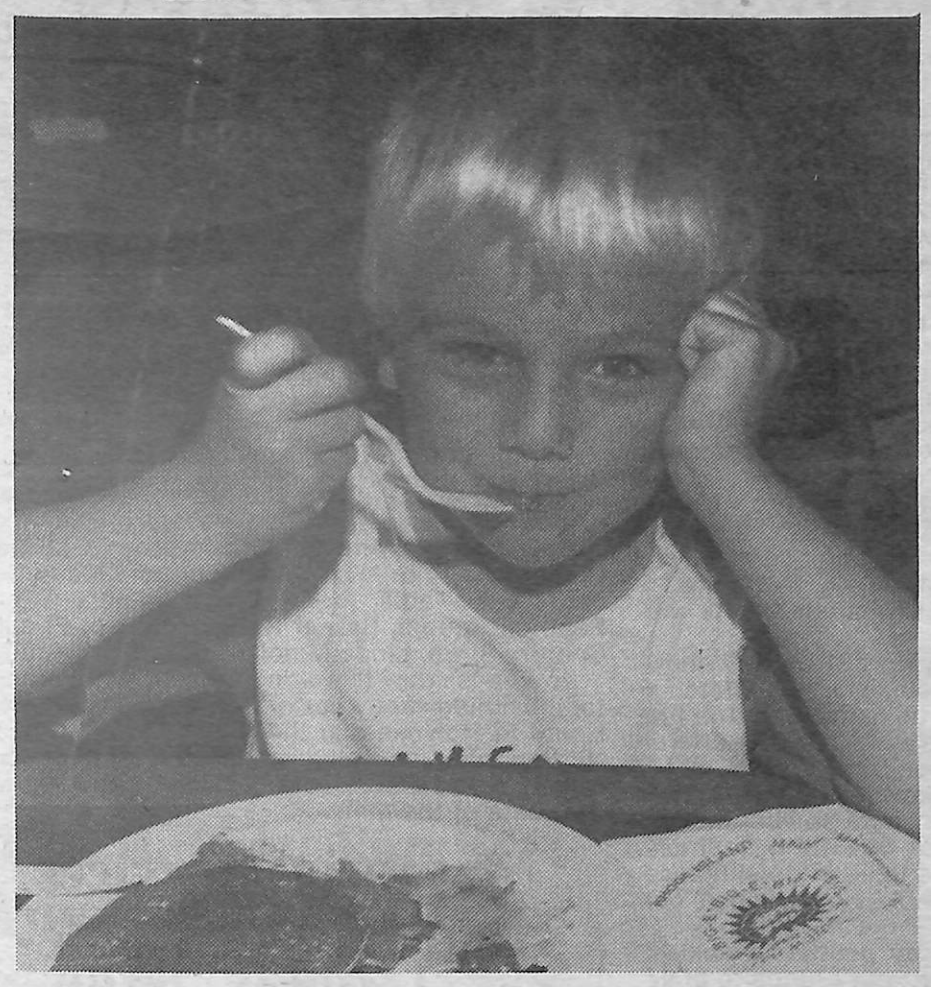




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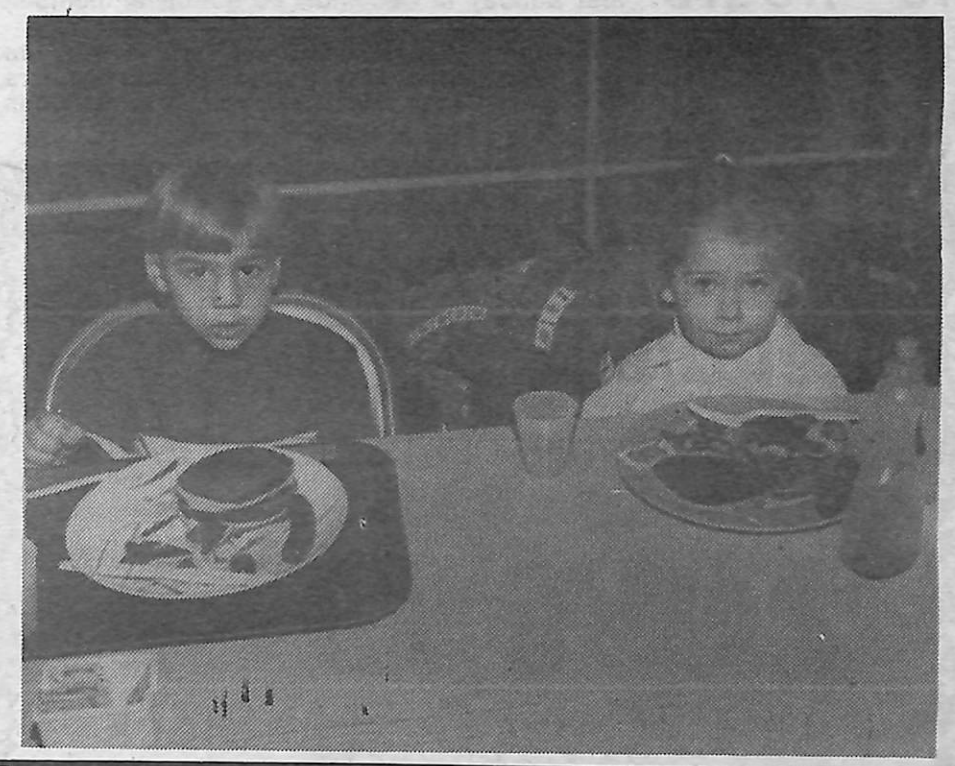
Lions Hold Annual Pancake Breakfast

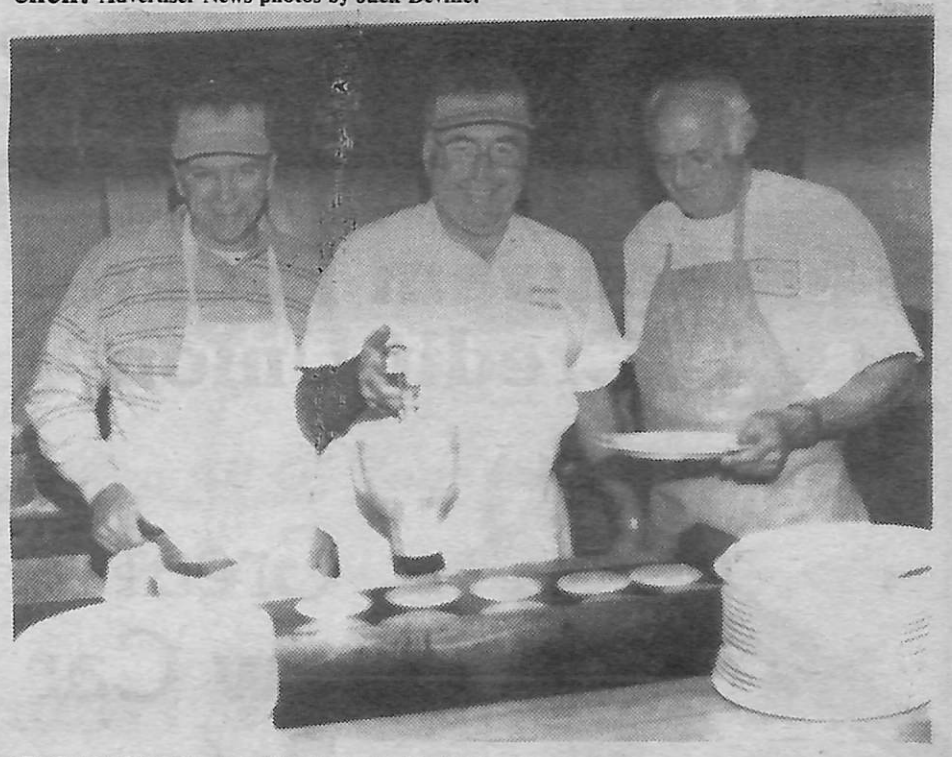


HMMMMMM-GOOD: In top photo, 5 year-old Bobby Johnson seems to be quite happy with his pancake breakfast served by the Agawam Lions Club at the Lions Den in West Springfield. IN PHOTO BELOW, Nathan Collins, 4½, and Carly (Cascio) Pilon, 3, appear to be quite overwhelmed by all the food. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONESS MEMBERS (top photo) Marsha Finck, Marianne Campbell (standing) and Rosemarie Maniscalco and Diane Simpson were heading up the bake sale at the Lions Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast over at the Lions Den in West Springfield. IN PHOTO BELOW, familiar faces George Fedora, Ed Disco, and George Collins were busy making pancakes in the kitchen. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





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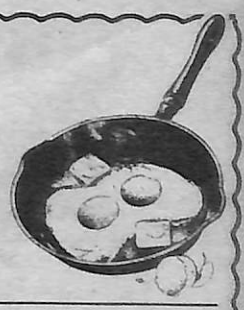
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Karen Charbonneau Of Stearns & Yerrall Co-Chairs Committee

Karen Charbonneau, a realtor with the Agawam sales office of Stearns & Yerrall, Inc. Realtors and a member of the Women's Partnership, recently had the honor of co-chairing the First Annual "Go For the Goals" Auction.

The auction was hosted by the Women's Partnership and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce in an effort to raise funds for education programs and scholarships. The event took place in conjunction with the "Chamber after 5:00" on Wednesday, November 13th at Tower Square and drew over 350 people.

The auction was split into two sections: a silent auction where items were displayed and bid on and a live auction with auctioneers and the crowd participating. Karen is pleased to announce that over $7,100 was raised that evening!

As co-chair, Karen appeared on the Curt Hahn show on WNNZ Radio where she had the opportunity to talk about the auction and how it would also promote positive local business involvement.

Due to the overwhelming success of the auction, the Women's Partnership and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be eager to kick off another one in 1997!

Karen is a resident of West Springfield.

Effort Underway To Reorganize Kiwanis

Efforts are underway to reorganize the West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club, which has served the two communities for more than 40 years. Tom Creed, Lt. Governor of Kiwanis, said a series of meetings has been held in recent weeks and several men and women have shown an interest in resuming the club's activities.

The club will hold two breakfast meetings in December beginning at 7:15 a.m. at the Ramada Hotel on Riverdale Street. Guest speaker on December 10th will be Mayor Christopher Johnson of Agawam.

On December 17th, West Springfield Selectwoman Louise Mehegan will address the group. Creed said former members of the club and those persons who may be interested in learning more about Kiwanis are invited to attend.

Creed said the focus of Kiwanis is on youth, with a major emphasis on service to children, especially in the area of health care and injury prevention. He said the new West Springfield-Agawam Club will develop projects to assist children and conduct other programs to benefit the two communities.

Anyone interested in more information about the West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis can call Tom Creed at 532-5079, Ed Walsh at 734-0762, or Dave Lorenzatti at 785-5180.

Tech Class Of 1947 Plans 50th Reunion

Springfield Technical High School's Class of 1947 announces its 50th Reunion celebration will be held in June 1997 at the Ramada Inn, West Springfield.

A three-day weekend of events is planned, including Classmate Reception, Friday evening, June 20th; Banquet, Dancing, and Entertainment, Saturday evening, June 21st; and Farewell Breakfast, Sunday, June 22nd.

For more information, or if you can help locate classmates, please call Walter at 525-2979, Al at 525-7020, or Marion at 572-3060.

Some classmates not located are: Caesar Capodagli, Diane Colton Maklary, Joseph A. Coppolla, Chester Dzwilewski, Earl Mori, Frank Okarmus, Ray B. Smith, Henry Swieskowski, Anna Vetti Allen, and Peter E. Zakowich.

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Annual Ag. Christmas Ornament Being Offered By Junior Women

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be presenting their sixth ornament in a series depicting historical sites in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

This year's ornament will feature the Agawam Fire Department's Station No. 3, the very first permanent fire station in Agawam Center. The station was actually built in 1918. In 1996, Station No. 3 officially closed, but plans are being made to convert the station into a fire and historic museum.

The ornament features Station No. 3 with incredible detail on a molded antique bronze medallion, surrounded by a holly wreath. The Agawam Junior Women's Club hopes to make citizens more aware of the history contained right here in our own community. This beautiful ornament is a great place to start a collection or a perfect addition to an already established one.

The ornaments are now available for a $5 donation. Proceeds will be used for community service projects. They can be purchased at The Corner Deli, The Feeding Hills Public Market, The Agawam Public Market, and Surprise! Card & Gift Shop. They can also be ordered by calling Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357.

Our first ornament in 1991 featured The Captain Charles Leonard House and is sold out. Our 1993 ornament featuring the old Agawam High School is also sold out. There is a limited supply of 1992 featuring the Old Agawam Center Library, 1994 featuring the Anne Sullivan Memorial, and 1995 featuring the Riverside Carousel Horse. If you have an interest in any of these ornaments, please call Betty at 786-4357.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of The General Federation of Women's Club's of Massachusetts.

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Lunch $6.95 Dinner $13.25
Jumbo white shrimp topped with our crab meat stuffing and baked.
Grilled Swordfish
Lunch $6.50 Dinner $12.75
Served traditional or blackened.
Fried Fish
Lunch $5.50 Dinner $8.95
Dipped in beer batter and fried also available blackened.
Fried Scallops
Lunch $5.95 Dinner $9.95
Tender scallops dusted with clam fry and deep fried also available blackened.
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Financial Abuse Of Senior Citizens Topic Of Cable TV Series

The prevention of financial abuse of the elderly is the topic of the December edition of the monthly cable series, "Issues & Answers with Attorney General Scott Harshbarger."

Financial abuse of the elderly, whether it be theft by a caretaker, telemarketing fraud, or sweepstakes scams, is reaching epidemic proportions in this country. The December edition of "Issues & Answers" teaches elders and their families how to spot these scams and how to protect themselves from becoming victims.

"Issues & Answers" is a monthly, half-hour public affairs program produced as a public service by Continental Cablevision and the Attorney General's office. Each month, the program focuses on an issue of interest to Massachusetts residents, and highlights a program or approach that is making a positive difference.

Previous editions have addressed underage smoking, the impact of domestic violence on the children who witness it, preventing violence in our schools through student mediation, and financial compensation for victims of violent crime.

"Issues & Answers" is cablecast monthly on community programming channels in more than 100 communities serviced by Continental Cablevision statewide, including Agawam. Check your local cable listings for dates and times.

Ag. Legion Members Attend Annual State Conference

An American Legion Auxiliary State Conference was held recently at the Sheraton Tara in Framingham.

Members from Unit 185, Agawam attended. Information and awards were given out, Information was given on different chairmanships, including Scholarships-Community Service, Americanism, Education, and many more. Most important was on National Security and POW/MIA situations and on the Flag Amendment (desecration to our flag) to the Constitution, which was spoken of by past National Commander, Jake Comer.

County Director Debbie Baker attended with her companion, Past Director Peg Brown from Unit 185. Guests were Marie Smith, Eastern Division National Vice-President; National Executive Committeewoman from District 3, Donna Dziedzic, and other dignitaries.

There was a brief skit about membership, at which Director Debbie Baker challenged District 6 on this subject.

This session was very beneficial for all members, also a little about what Auxiliaries do. Guests were welcome.

Curran-Jones Funeral Homes Organize Remembrance Tree & Service For Dec. 7th

The holiday season is a time for remembering and a time for recapturing the joys of our fondest memories. Inspired by our own recollections of Christmas, we reflect upon age-old messages of love, hope, and peace.

We at Curran-Jones know this is a very difficult time for families who are spending their holidays without the presence of a loved one. With this in mind, Richard J. Curran and Joseph D. Curran, owners and operators of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, and The Edward F. Day Funeral Home of Holyoke, announce their annual "Holiday Service of Remembrance."

They, along with their staff, have organized a Remembrance Tree and Service to be held at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home located at 109 Main Street in West Springfield, on Saturday, December 7, 1996 at 2:00 p.m.

Following with tradition, the Curran family has made a donation to Brightside in memory of all we have serviced. Our commitment to Brightside and belief that children are the bright side of Christmas, has inspired us to remember you and your loved one at this special time of year.

All that respond to the Currans' invitation will receive a personalized Brightside Angel. A short memorial service will be conducted by local clergymen as well as the Lighting of our Christmas Wreath.

Once again, Priscilla Hindmarsh, a bereavement facilitator for the local area, will be sharing her comments. We hope her words will help you to find the love, hope, peace, and serenity of Christmas that will live forever, not only in presence, but in spirit.

The Curran family and staff are very proud of their "Holiday Service of Remembrance" and hope you will join us for this special ceremony.

Bay Path Offers Holiday Concert And Service Of Lights

Bay Path College will hold its annual Holiday Concert and Service of Lights on Wednesday, December 11, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus. The event is open to the public, free of charge.

A tradition at Bay Path for many years, this candlelight concert features holiday music by the 35-voice student Chorale and smaller singing group, the Chamber Singers/Keynotes, and the audience is invited to join in singing traditional Advent and Christmas carols. Seasonal readings will also be presented by the college chaplains and students of the Interfaith Council.

A reception in Blake Student Center dining room will follow the concert, where the Keynotes will also entertain.

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1996, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of CHARLES GONCALVES who is seeking relief from Section 180-40 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the retention of a deck, which is in violation of the rear yard requirement, at the premises identified as 136 CLOVER HILL DRIVE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: December 5, 1996

Agawam Lioness Have Great Success With Historical Coverlet

The Agawam Lioness Club would like to thank all residents who made a donation for the Agawam Historical Coverlet.

As of now, the coverlet has been sold out for Christmas delivery. However, another shipment is due to arrive in mid-February. If you are interested in obtaining a coverlet as a Christmas gift, a gift card is available stating that a coverlet has been reserved for you and will be arriving by mid-February.

For more information, please call 789-0153.

The response to the coverlet has been overwhelming and we would like to thank the community for their support.

Pvt. Shawn D. Pirnie Enters Basic Training At Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Army Pvt. Shawn D. Pirnie has entered basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instructions in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

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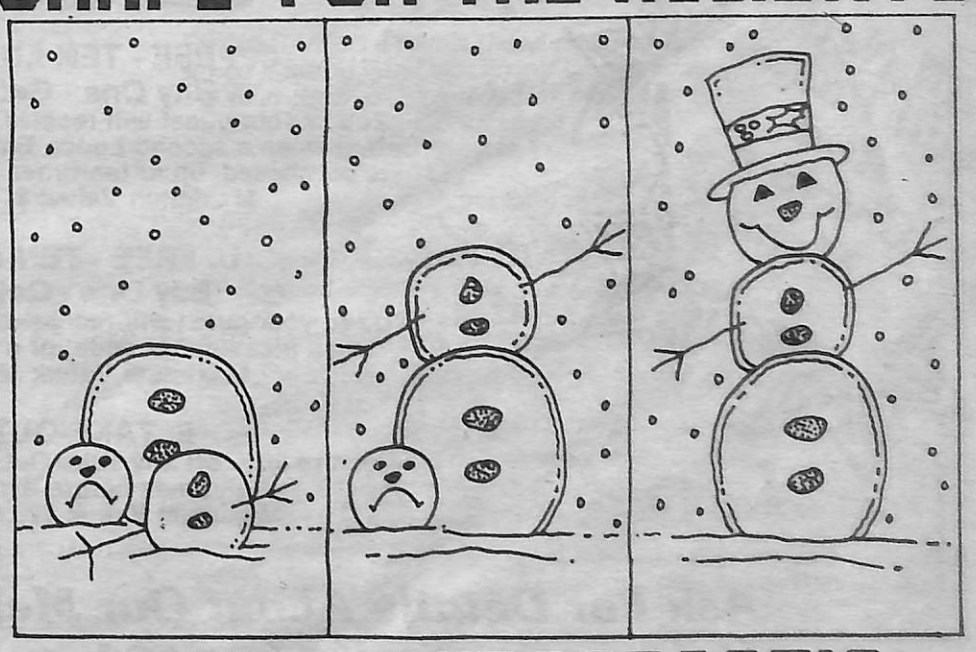
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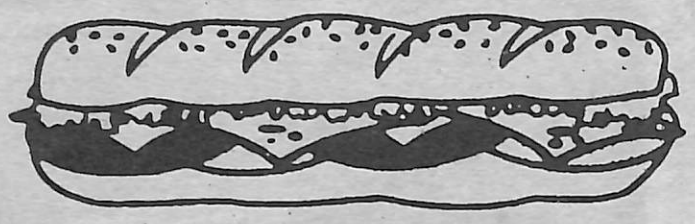
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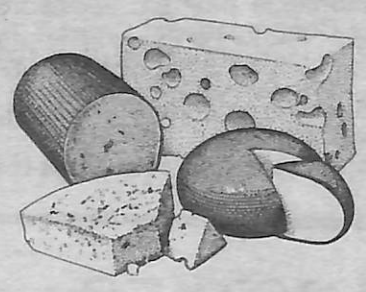
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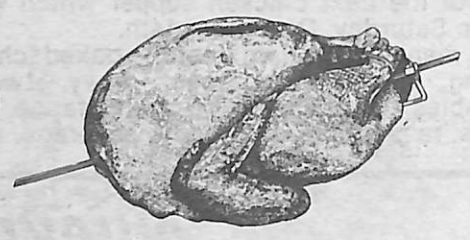
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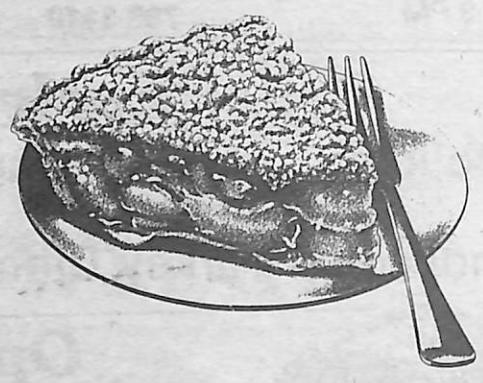
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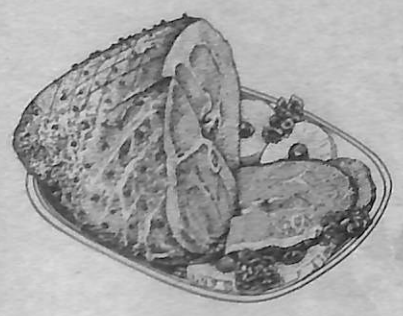
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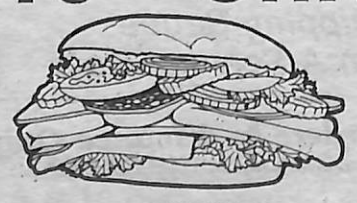


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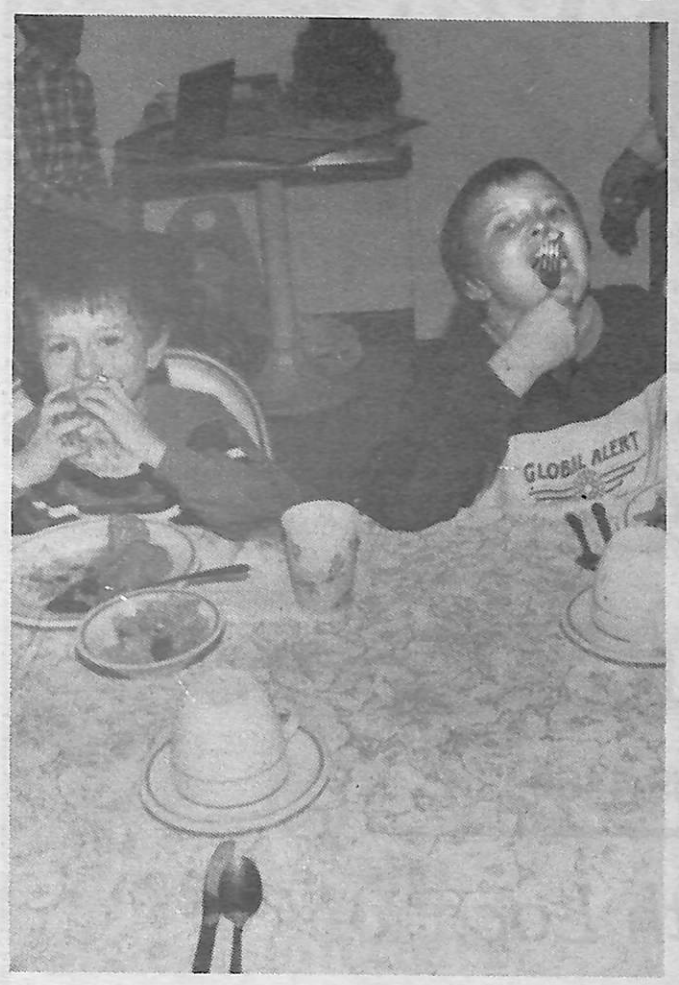
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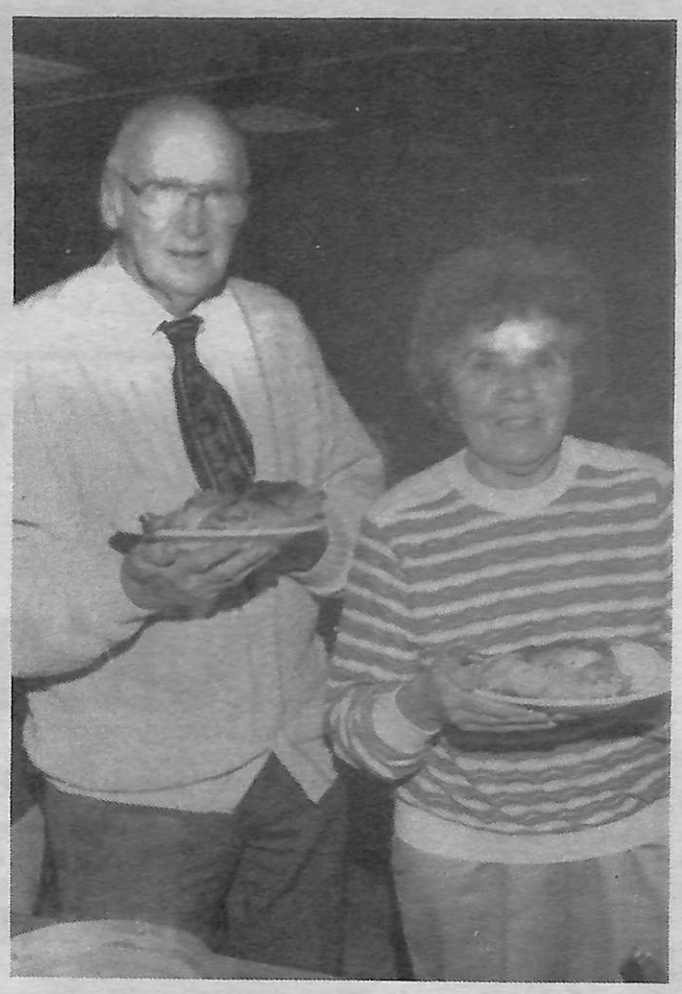
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Church News

Good Eating At Valley Community Church







VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH IN Feeding Hills held its monthly chicken supper recently. From left - the Manley kids, Aaron and Don, start to clean their plates; IN MIDDLE PHOTO, Henri & Rick Willett were part of the kitchen help; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Jim & Helen Griffin take their turn in line and are about to be seated to enjoy a fine meal. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Booming Crowds Continue As Church Plans Next Chicken Supper

With thanks to the community for their fantastic support, the chicken suppers at Valley Community Church are booming. And due to the growing crowds, we strongly recommend reservations for the next chicken supper which will be held on Saturday, December 14th.

Our menu will again feature baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls with butter, and a beverage. And to top it all off, you get to choose from the variety of community-famous, guaranteed-fattening desserts.

The cost is $7 for adults and $3.50 for children with continuous servings from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Again, reservations should be made by calling Dot Wells at 786-6031 or Shirley Taylor at 786-2576.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield St.

Operation Friendship Slates Regular Dinner For December 7th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on December 7, 1996.

Servings are from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Adults are $7.25, children under 12 are $4, and children under five are free.

For reservations, call 786-7898. Walk-ins are welcome.

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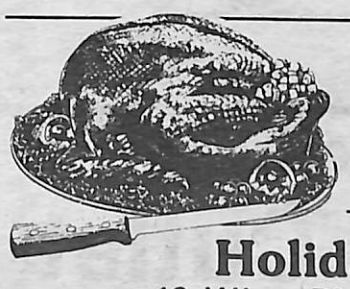
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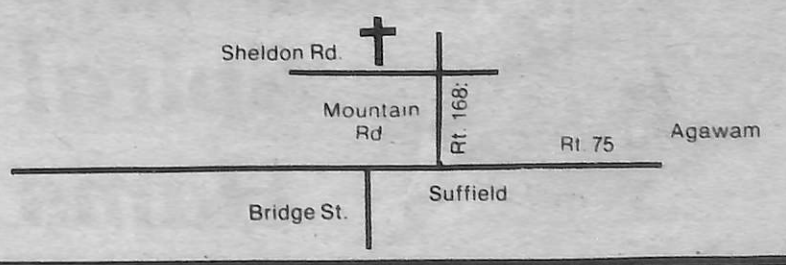
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Church News - continued...

Weekly Message From Ag. United Methodist

For us at the Agawam United Methodist Church, it was significant that our "Invite A Friend" coincided with the First Sunday in Advent. Such a season, as we now enter, invites us to share our joy with others.

The joy we share is the coming of Christ into our world. We know both from scripture and human experience in the world, that the presence of Christ has created positive and dynamic changes in the private and public lives of individuals and communities alike.

Today, we know with certainty that there are many people who are silently eager to get a new perspective on their lives. The invitation to join us in our worship and celebrations during the entire season, is our attempt to share with such persons the opportunity that Advent gives for the fulfillment of such a dream.

Advent is basically a time of preparation for receiving Christ. There are several recognized methods of preparing for God's spiritual gift to us. Some persons abstain, and sometimes our religious exposure preconditions us to particular forms of abstentions.

People who are convinced of health hazards wrought by certain products which they are in the habit of using, may refuse to use them for a while. But experience tells us that large percentages of such persons do return to the old habit.

John the Baptist proclaimed a time to change directions when he stated, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near." He stated a prerequisite when he called for repentance.

You see, if one believes the Good News, then that person will not return to ways that he or she has rejected. Repent and believe — that means turn and begin a new life. That is highly possible.

For all our services, the note of preparation will be sounded. A warm welcome awaits all who come.

On Sunday, December 8th, worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Two specific things will happen:

(1) There will be the lighting of the Second Advent Candle. This will bring to our notice the significance of our preparations for Christmas.

(2) The message of preparation as brought by John the Baptist will be experienced in a tangible way.

SPECIAL PROGRAM — On Sunday, December 8th, at 5:00 p.m., join us at Agawam United Methodist Church for a variety song and Gospel concert.

We look forward to a time of celebration and worshipful entertainment, as we listen to the Advent and Christmas message as presented by the group, individuals, and instruments.

Best local news with us!

Happy Birthday, "Sweet 16"— Melissa!



From Mom & Dad

Sacred Heart Church To Present 10th Christmas Concert

Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, presents its 10th Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

As our Parish comes to the end of the 50th Anniversary Year Celebration, a joyful evening of Christmas music will be performed by the Sacred Heart choirs.

The Senior Choirs will be singing the Cantata, "The Tree of Light," written and arranged by Dale Mathews and Michael Frazier. The Junior Choir will also be featured singing from the Christmas music book, "Silent, Holy Night," written by Mark Friedman and Jane Vogt.

Admission is free. This year, we are asking people to bring a non-perishable food item to help the needy of our community.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center after the concert. All are welcome.

Catholic Women Plan To Meet On Monday, Dec. 9th

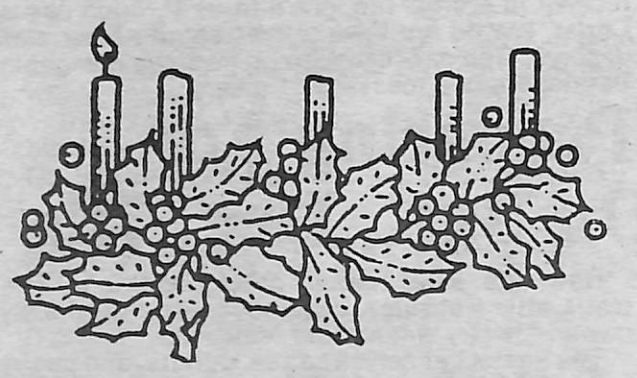
The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will meet in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church Monday, December 9th at 8:00 p.m.

President Gloria Colby will conduct a brief business meeting which will include a special presentation. First Vice President Betsey Ciempa will introduce Fr. Edward Buccheit, C.P. MA, rector of the Passionist Monastery in West Springfield, who will speak on "The Joys of Advent." In keeping with the theme, there will not be a gift exchange.

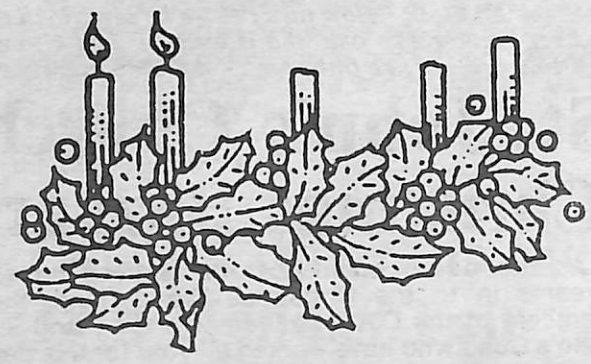
Barbara Pfau is in charge of hospitality. She will be assisted by Eleanor Balboni, Bernice Beck, Denise Brunet, Kay Capitanio, Adele Gallano, Mary Gontczaruk, Ann Jackobek, Peggy Lepper, Pauline Paquette, Jane Schmidt, Viola Smith, and Jane Trevethan.

Guests are welcome to attend this meeting.

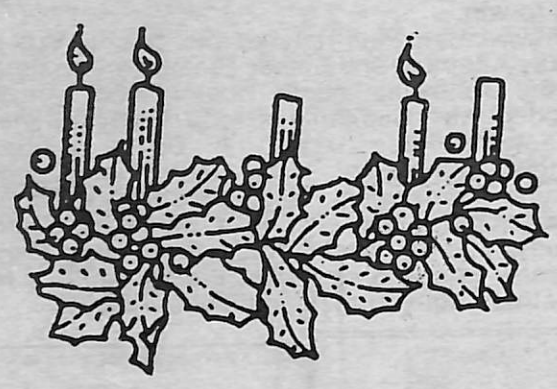
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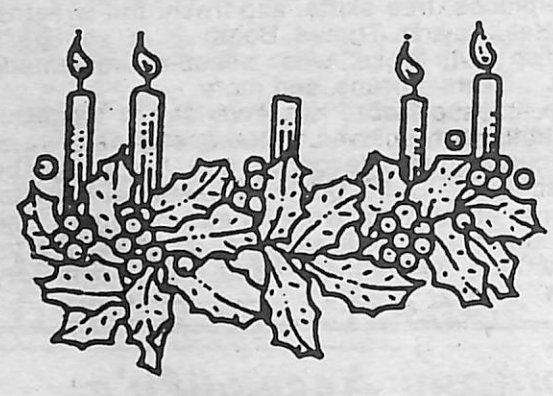
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Reflections...

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About The Second Coming

Jesus Christ, speaking to His disciples about His second coming, said: *"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert!"* Jesus' warning, which still applies to us today, was that we should be mindful of His return someday and to be ready for it when it happens.

Many people have made fools of themselves trying to predict with precision *"that day or hour"* when Jesus would return, in spite of Jesus' indication that they couldn't do it. How many other people will make eternal fools of themselves by ignoring Jesus' admonition to be ready for His second coming?

It is possible the stage is being set, or perhaps is already set, for Jesus to return at any time. Whether that happens in our lifetimes or not, the reality is that each and every last one of us will have to "meet our maker" at some point. Will it be a happy or sad meeting? That depends on if we are ready.

What should we do to get or be ready? The prophet Isaiah said, *"How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags."* Isaiah's question, *"How then can we be saved?"* is the age old question of mankind. Virtually every religion apart from Christianity has answered that question with the same answer: "works." "Works" means anything we can do to somehow merit our salvation, a place in heaven.

The Hindu religion, Americanized as the "New Age" movement, relies on karma acquired through successive lives via reincarnation. The Islamic religion is also works based. As an example, Mohammed Ali (formerly Casius Clay) is a Black Muslim who understands and acts upon his Islamic faith. During a recent interview on 60 Minutes, the former heavyweight champion said he signs autographs for his fans because he hopes that by so doing, he will win favor with Allah (the Islamic name for God). In his mind, each of those autographs is a ticket to heaven. If he acquires enough of them, he will earn his salvation.

The problem with earning our salvation is that we simply cannot do it. People can never measure up to the standards of the holy, Almighty God. He is out of our league. God is holy; in our hearts we know we are not. As Isaiah put it, even *"our righteous acts are like filthy rags."* Notice that Isaiah does not say our "bad acts" are like filthy rags, it is the good we do. We could never do enough, whether in one lifetime or many lifetimes, to deserve to go to heaven.

How then can we ever be ready to "meet our maker"; whether we enter eternity individually or Jesus Christ brings history to a close during our lifetimes? *How then can we be saved?* Has God set us up to fail?

God has not set us up to fail! Our answer is found in the first coming of Jesus Christ. The best present of all this Christmas will not be found in any store. The best present any of us can ever receive is eternal life, given to us through Jesus Christ. We do not have to be treated as our sins deserve. God's message to us from the manger in Bethlehem is a message of mercy.

St. John's Church Preparing For Christmas Bazaar On Sat., Dec. 7th

As the doors open and the waiting crowd streams in to the Christmas Wonderland, the members of the Catholic Women's Club and St. John's Guild who have worked all year for this day are tremendously exhilarated. They will see so many familiar faces, people who have been coming for years, and many new faces as well.

St. John's Christmas Bazaar has earned the reputation of being one of the best in the area, for the many reasons that follow.

The Bake Booth features a large variety of fresh, home-baked cakes, pies, cookies, and bread. The Christmas Booth takes your breath away with its beautiful, handmade decorations, centerpieces, tree skirts, and fresh, full wreaths. The Needle and Thread Booth is a shopper's paradise for those who treasure homemade quilts, pillows, aprons, and more.

The Knitting Booth has a variety of hand-knit sweaters, hats, scarves, mittens, etc. As always, delicious homemade candy and fudge will be available. The Guild Booth, a perennial favorite, presents an array of wreaths and novelties. The Plant Booth is an eye-catching sight of colorful poinsettias, Christmas cacti, and cemetery boxes.

New and used toys in good conditions, fantastic attic treasures, used books, and previously owned jewelry will also be featured.

The snack bar serves coffee, donuts, and pastry from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and hearty sandwiches, desserts, and beverages from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Santa will be there again this year to visit with the children. (Be sure to bring your camera.)

Children's purchases will be wrapped free of charge. For those who like to take a chance, there are several chances to take. There are raffles at each booth, and on a Bountiful Basket of food, a beautifully crafted wooden clock, and the main raffle of $500, $300, and $100. You need not be present to win.

Chairwoman Paul Raiche, and co-chairwomen Mickey Adelman and Betsey Ciempa are assisted by the following booth chairwomen: Angela Beaudry, Kay Capitanio, Gloria Colby, Bernice Consoloni, Rose Dean, Lil Doyle, Barbara Gingras, Bea Hamel, Marty Jerry, Terry Longo, Lorraine Maniscalchi, Linda McCormick, Minnie Moran, Louise Moreno, Rita Moore, Charlene Moretti, Mickey Morin, Alice Pietroniro, Alwyn Shepard, Peggy Shoemaker, Elaine Smith, Jane Trevethan, Mary Turner, and Millie Vassalo.

Advent Activities At First Baptist Church

"The Gifts of Gold" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship this Sunday. Following worship, a Christmas workshop will be held in Bodurtha Hall under the leadership of Joyce Thomson.

Creative activities are planned for all ages, followed by a family luncheon. A visit from Santa is expected.

At 7:00 p.m. this Sunday, the second in the Advent series, "Which Way to the Manger?", will be held in cooperation with the Agawam Congregational Church in the Lockhart Parlor.

This is a joint effort for spiritual growth this Advent season. You are invited to be a part of this meaningful event.

On Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m., members of the Caring Connection will meet at the church to bake Christmas cookies to be used later in the season as the group goes carolling to shut-ins.

December contacts for Caring Connection for the month of December are Lorie Baker, 786-8140, or Sharon Grabowski, (860) 668-0450.

On Thursday, December 12th, our ladies have been invited to a meeting of the ladies of the Agawam Congregational Church for luncheon and a program beginning at 12:00 noon.

Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert. Contact your circle leader for more details. Deadline for reservations is December 10th.

Also on our calendar this week:

Tuesday, December 10th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters meet at the home of Claire Crouss; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, December 11th: 7:15 a.m., MidWeek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 12:00 noon, Women's Fellowship Lunch at Agawam Congregational Church; 6:00 p.m., Cookie Baking - Caring Connection.

Thursday, December 12th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, December 13th: 7:00 p.m., Senior Youth Group.

Saturday, December 14th: 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., Youth Groups selling Angels at Holyoke Mall.

Adoration Society To Next Meet At Blessed Sacrament

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Ann's Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, December 6th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

This is Open Pantry Sunday. Children are welcome to attend the service with their parents, leaving at a designated time for a special project.

Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Ladies Benevolent Society will gather to bake cookies for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, December 11th, at 1:00 p.m.

The Youth Group invites members and friends to join together at the church on Friday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m. for a trip to Bright Nights in Springfield. Hot chocolate and desserts will be served at the church upon return from Springfield.

You are cordially invited to attend this year's Christmas party beginning at 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 15th. Luncheon and pot luck desserts will be followed by fellowship, carols, and perhaps a surprise visitor?

Use the sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall or call the office to let us know you'll be coming. Sleigh transportation provided upon request.

The Flower Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to be put on the altar for Christmas Sunday. Please call the office at 786-5061 or speak to Sharon Rozanski, Betty Bava, or Barbara Burgamaster in church.

On the calendar this week:

Friday, December 6th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Saturday, December 7th: 5:00 p.m., Operation Friendship supper.

Sunday, December 8th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Monday, December 9th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Tuesday, December 10th: *Informer* deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, December 11th: 1:00 p.m., LBS making cookies for Open Pantry; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, December 12th: 2:50 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Friday, December 13th: 6:30 p.m., Bright Nights trip.

All the hometown news with us, each week - AAN!!! To subscribe, call us at 786-7747. Thanks.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, December 8th, is the second Sunday of Advent. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Turning to God," taken from 2 Peter 3:8-15a. The Children's Message will be "The Bible As Your Compass."

The joint Advent Study Series, "Which Way to the Manger?", continues this Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Agawam at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this week is "Isolation/Community."

A sausage and pancake breakfast will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. this Sunday, December 8th, sponsored by the Catering Committee.

Adults are $3, and children under 12 are $2.

Church School Open House will be held this Sunday, December 8th, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

The Midweek Service continues each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Join us for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, carols, and communion.

New Member Class - Friday night, December 6th, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in joining the church? Looking for information about the church and the United Church of Christ?

Come join others to learn about policies, committees, family events, mission activities, and membership.

An All Church Dance to benefit the Open Pantry will take place this Friday at 7:00 p.m. Admittance will be a can of food.

The "Amazing Chuck Malloy" will be the D.J. Music will be for all ages. An exciting macarena contest will be held.

St. Mary's High School Has Placement Test On Sat., Dec. 7th

St. Mary's High School in Westfield will be offering a placement test for eighth grade students who are considering enrolling in September of next year.

The test will be held at school, located on 27 Bartlett Street on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30 a.m., and will conclude at noon. Snow date is Saturday, December 14th.

According to principal Mrs. Connie Lane, these test scores are considered, along with the student's eighth grade academic performance, in determining each student's freshman schedule.

Registration for the test is required, and a $15 fee will be charged. Parents of prospective students are encouraged to call the school at 568-5692 for further information or to register.

Best local news...

Advent Season Busy With Many Activities At Valley Community

What a great time the members of Valley Community Church have had during the first week of Advent! On December 1st, members provided their gift-wrapping expertise at Enfield Square for the Visiting Nurse Association and also served supper at the Loaves and Fishes in Springfield. And the upcoming week will be just as great.

On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, Pastor Steve will fill our hearts and challenge our lives with his message taken from the gospel of Mark 1:1-8. He will then increase our knowledge as he leads the adult Bible class in the study of Paul.

On MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, the Administrative Board will meet in Dunn Hall at 7:00 p.m. for their last meeting of the year. It will be a time to re-cap what has been accomplished and to review insights for next year.

On TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th, the Junior Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. while the Senior Choir will meet on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th at 7:00 p.m. Both choirs are practicing their music for this Advent and Christmas season.

Cub Scout Troop 78 Den 3 will be meeting in Dunn Hall on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th at 6:15 p.m.

The week will finish up on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, with our community-famous Chicken Supper.

Great things are happening at Valley Community Church and we welcome anyone looking for a church home to join us for our Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. You will be warmly welcomed and spiritually filled.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield St.

Grace Lutherans Slate 18th Holiday Fair

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 18th Annual Holiday Fair on December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The fair will feature local craftpersons as well as traditional church shops. There will be a luncheon featuring sausage grinders and homemade soup served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Women in Christ group to help fund their missions.

Please remember our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.

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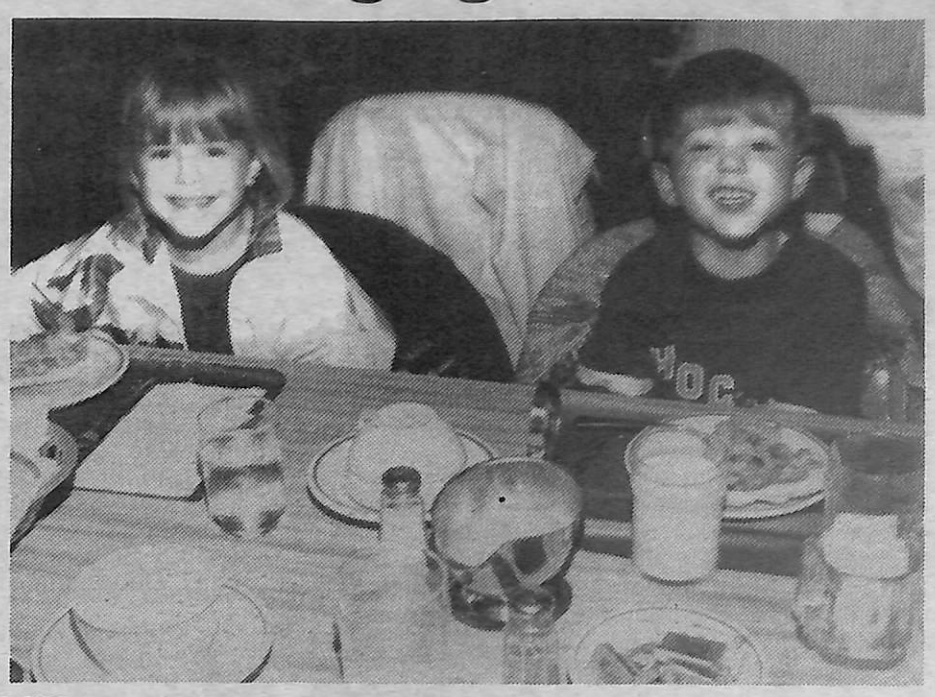
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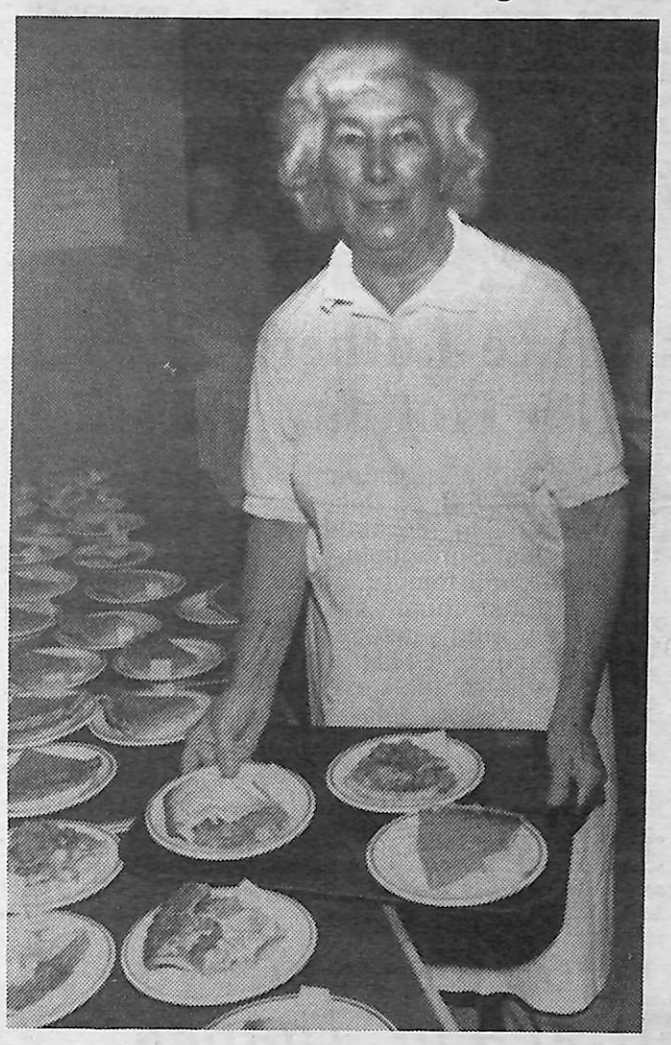
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Chicken Pie Supper At F.H. Congregational





THE FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH recently held a Chicken Pie Supper in the church hall. From left - Li Ling, Bernice Burton, and Jackie Gilmartin go about their business to keep the serving line on the move; IN PHOTO RIGHT, the LaFlamme kids, Brittany, 5½, and brother Steve, 3, are all set to dig in. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



PIE QUEEN: MILLIE DUTTON serves delicious apple and pumpkin pie at the recent Chicken Pie Supper at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Advent Series Moves On At Baptist Church

The Agawam Congregational Church and Agawam Baptist Church are sponsoring an Advent series which continues this Sunday, December 8th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The topic "Isolation/Community" will be discussed at the Agawam Baptist Church with Rev. Curt Fuller and Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth director.

The following two sessions on December 15th and 22nd will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church with Rev. Rick Barnes and Tim Diek, Christian Education/Youth Director.

Join us to journey through this special holiday season together.

Ballroom Dancing At Good Shepherd To Start Dec. 6th

A newly-formed ballroom dance group is holding its first evening dance on Friday, December 6, 1996 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield, at 7:30 p.m.

All singles and couples are welcome to dance to DJ "Memories in Motions." Additional dances are scheduled for Friday, December 20th and Saturday, December 28th.

Admission is $5 and dress is casual. For more information, call Marge at 786-8180.

Check our classified pages every week

Pancake Breakfast At Congregational Church

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this coming Sunday, December 8th from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

The cost is $3 for adults and $2 for children.

The breakfast will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended. A few walk-ins will be accepted.

Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111, or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908 before noon on Saturday, December 7th.

Monthly Supper Slated For Methodist Church

Agawam Methodist Church will hold its monthly supper early in December due to the Christmas holiday.

On December 14th, a Christmas ham supper will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Church dining room. Reservations are required by Friday, December 13th.

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Spotlight On Business

Geissler's Supermarket Receives Accolades From Town Officials

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With local and state officials on hand, Geissler's Supermarkets celebrated the grand opening of their first Massachusetts store with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday morning in Agawam.

The fifth in the Geissler chain, the Agawam store opened its doors two weeks ago nearly two years to the day when Big Y moved its operation to West Springfield, leaving Southgate Plaza's two anchor stores empty.

Doing the honors in cutting the ceremonial ribbon, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said, "Obviously, we're delighted that Geissler's has chosen Agawam as the location for their first store outside Connecticut. I've heard a lot of positive comments about the store and I must commend JRS Realty, the owner of Southgate Plaza, for spending a considerable amount of money in renovating the plaza. Southgate hasn't looked this good in years."

State Representative Daniel Keenan found the new store a sign of improved economic times and a boon for its merchant neighbors.

"This is just tremendous for the area," Keenan said. "I've been talking to the other tenants in the plaza and they feel they'll benefit from the increased traffic Geissler's brings in and Geissler's will in turn benefit from the increased traffic at their stores."

Keenan added, "Having this store open here is a sign of how well our economy is doing."

After two weeks "getting the bugs out" of the chain's newest store, Geissler Chief Executive Officer Jim Nilsson is "very happy" with the response from his customers.

"A Lot Of Favorable Comment"

"We're hearing a lot of favorable comment on the way the store looks and people are finding that our prices are not as high as they thought for a smaller chain. Our wholesaler is the second largest in the country so we can offer low prices," Nilsson said.

Formerly a resident of Agawam and a graduate of Agawam High, grocery manager Daniel Taupier said customers like the way the store has been opened up to include wide aisles and no clutter, so it's easier to do their shopping.

"I've been getting a very good response from the customers on the look of the store and the selection," Taupier said. "And, it's great to see the people I haven't seen in years."

The Agawam store is the fifth in the Geissler's Supermarkets chain launched in Broadbrook, Connecticut by Adolph Geissler in 1923 and the only grocery chain store in Agawam that is American owned and operated.

Geissler's spent over $1.6 million in renovating the store.



OFFICIALS ON HAND for the grand opening of Geissler's Supermarket at the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Suffield Street, from left - Gail Handley, Steve Nudson, Fred Nardi (Feeding Hills resident and long-time food industry executive), Jim Nilsson (Geissler's chief executive officer), Dan Nilsson, and Steve Traun. RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Westfield Savings Bank Appoints James Montemayor As Loan Officer

James Montemayor of Holyoke has been promoted from Credit Analyst to Commercial Loan Officer at Westfield Savings Bank, it was announced this week by Bank President, Donald A. Williams. Currently based at the Main Office in Westfield, Montemayor will be located at the Bank's new East Longmeadow Office once construction is completed early next year.

Montemayor joined Westfield Savings Bank in 1995 following 10 years' experience in local banking. During that period, he progressed from the position of part-time teller to branch manager, mortage service representative, financial analyst, and ultimately senior credit analyst for credit administration in commercial lending.

Montemayor is a graduate of Western New England College from which he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He has also completed graduate studies in fianance conducted by Bryant College, the University of Maryland, University of Georgia, and Federal banking agencies. He is also a graduate of Holyoke High School.

An active participant in community programs, Montemayor has acted as an instructor for Junior Achievement in Applied Economics at Commerce High School in Springfield and Holyoke High School. He has also served as a volunteer tutor at Springfield's Chestnut Junior High School and as a volunteer for the United Way.

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FOUR OF THE KEY GUYS at the Agawam Geissler's Supermarket on Suffield Street. From left - Dan Taupier, grocery manager; Rob Godin, produce manager; James Ferris, supervisor; and Paul DelPeschio, dairy & frozen foods manager. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARY GEISSLER NILSSON is the matriarch of the Geissler's Supermarket family. Mary's father opened the first Geissler's in East Windsor in 1923. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mary Geissler Nilsson Beams With Pride Over Business Her Father Began In 1923

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Mary Geissler Nilsson is the matriarch of the family that opened **Geissler's Supermarket** on November 18th, at 830 Suffield St., Agawam. A Grand Opening was held on Monday, December 2nd.

This is the fifth in a chain of family-owned supermarkets, a business started by Mrs. Nilsson's father in 1923, in Broadbrook, a section of East Windsor, Connecticut. It is the first Geissler's Supermarket in Massachusetts.

This gracious, smiling woman with a corsage pinned to the shoulder of her business suit was on hand opening day to welcome Agawam residents to the market. She stood by the door handing out welcoming flyers with a diagram of the store on the back.

"I feel this market is my children's tribute to their father (James Nilsson, Sr.)," Mrs. Nilsson said with emotion in an interview. "He would have been so proud!" James Nilsson, Sr. died in January 1995 of a sudden heart attack.

Mary Nilsson is the only child of A.F. Geissler, who opened a grocery store in 1923, assisted by his sister. When he married in 1926, his wife joined the business. Mary said she was exposed to the business as they lived above the store, and her father often brought paperwork home.

When James Nilsson, Sr. was discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps, he married Mary Geissler and took over the business, and Mr. Geissler retired. The first supermarket was opened that year at Geissler's Plaza, East Windsor, and the store name was never changed.

Jim Nilsson, Sr. was president of the expanding company and his wife was a bookkeeper (since 1961) when her last child started school. Later she was company secretary and vice president. The couple had four children, all of whom worked in the business as teenagers. All of her children now work in and out of the corporate headquarters in East Windsor.

Many of the markets were purchased as small grocery stores and expanded, some several times. The Windsor Locks market opened in 1974 and was closed in 1991.

The first supermarket opened in 1955 and in 1970 moved to a larger store at the opposite end of Geissler Plaza. This is the primary store and corporate headquarters. It was refurbished this summer.

Other stores are in Granby, Windsor, and South Windsor, Connecticut.

Mary recalled that it was after "a wonderful weekend of noting how good he felt and how good their lives were" that her husband passed away. The couple had taken eight of their grandchildren on a snowmobile weekend in New Hampshire. Last year, Mary took seven of her grandchildren on a similar trip.

A company flyer featured his picture with the thanks of the family for the outpouring of sympathy from customers and friends.

The company reorganized with James Nilsson, Jr. as president and Mary as a director and Chairwoman of the Board. "Pressure was never applied to our children to join the company," Mary said. "Some started toward other careers but changed their minds."

Mary's children are involved as follows: Kathleen Rybick, full and part-time with corporate buyers at the main office; Daniel handles meat and deli corporate buyers; and Karen Cudnik manages the front end of the stores; cashiers, offices, etc.

Son-in-law Dennis Rybick is a buyer of frozen foods and son-in-law Jim Cudnik, who recently returned to the business, is in the bakery and deli.

Two 16 year-old grandchildren are Jim Jr.'s daughter, Jennifer, a part-time cashier in East Windsor, and Robert Rybick, a produce clerk in South Windsor.

Tom Scavotto, manager of the Agawam supermarket, grew up with the Nilsson kids and first had planned to be a teacher.

Mary is proud of them all. "I try to retire," she says with a grin, but she is always there when and where she is needed.

A person who avoids the limelight, she grows enthusiastic speaking about the business. Some of her comments included:

- Geissler's is the only American owned supermarket in Agawam.
- The company bought from Sweet Life and when it was sold to Super Value of Minneapolis, Minnesotta, Geissler's made the change, too. "In this way, we have access to large block buying," she said.
- Salads (like homemade) are made in the East Windsor store, and bakery products are made on premises.

"We are concentrating on prepared foods, dishes, and entire meals for folks who do not have time to cook. We are proud of our meat, deli, and produce departments."

It is surprising how many people buy flowers regularly. This department is a customer convenience.

The store has no members' cards. One uses driver's licenses for identification.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Molta & Keenan Joins With Schools For "Toys For Tots"

Coldwell Banker in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve will be participating in Toys For Tots as a sponsor this holiday season.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates has also joined with several Greater Springfield area high schools to serve as official collection centers. The drop-off dates are from December 2nd through December 13th.

The public is encouraged to participate by donating new unwrapped toys which may be dropped off at any of our collection centers located in Agawam, Longmeadow, Southwick, Springfield, and Westfield. Please call 562-7311 or 783-2000 for the collection center nearest you.

Robert Molta, President of Coldwell Banker, stated, "Every child should experience the joy of the holiday season. With the community's support, we'll be able to provide the needy children of the Greater Springfield area with a memorable holiday season."

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates has participated in this worthwhile drive for several years.

Founded in 1947, Toys For Tots has evolved from a small Los Angeles area project to a nationwide campaign. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve distributes the toys to local charitable organizations.

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Jim Hill Of Agawam Receives Recognition

On November 20, 1996, Agawam resident Jim Hill, along with six other City of Springfield employees, received recognition for their successful completion of the City's eight-week Leadership Academy Supervisor Development Course I.

The course of instruction focused on leadership and job management skills of a supervisor. This program has been approved for 15 Training Contact Hours by the Massachusetts State Board of Certification for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators.

Jim Hill is a lifelong resident of Agawam and attended Agawam schools. He is a 1971 graduate of Agawam High School. Jim completed advanced course work in wastewater treatment at STCC after high school and began working at the regional treatment facility on Bondi's Island in 1974.

Jim currently holds a Grace 7 Operator's License, which is the highest license issued by the State of Massachusetts.

Stearns & Yerrall Realtors Announce Participation In Angel Tree Campaign

Stearns & Yerrall, Inc. Realtors is pleased to announce its participation in the 1996 Angel and Candle Tree Campaign.

From November 1st through December 15th, Stearns & Yerrall will be sponsoring an Angel and Candle Tree in each of its five locations and at its sister company, Palmer Goodell:

Stearns & Yerrall Agawam, 170 Main Street; Stearns & Yerrall Longmeadow, 153 Longmeadow Street; Stearns & Yerrall Springfield, 725 Sumner Avenue; Stearns & Yerrall Westfield, 48 Court Street; Stearns & Yerrall Wilbraham, One Crane Park Drive; Palmer Goodell Springfield, 2077 Roosevelt Avenue.

Stearns & Yerrall agents, employees, as well as the general public are invited to register for an Angel or Candle at any Stearns & Yerrall location. Once registered, registrants will receive an angel or candle with the name, age, and gender of a child to purchase a holiday gift.

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Annual Health Expo At Senior Center





THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER held its Annual Health Expo recently, with many in the elderly health care field participating. IN PHOTO LEFT, representing County Estates Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center were Sheewape Sardoval, director of Rehab, and Gina Blackie, R.N., director of Admissions. IN PHOTO RIGHT, representing the new Quail Run Estates (elderly retirement complex) were Jack & Jeanine Penney. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



REPRESENTING THE AGAWAM Counseling Center at the Agawam Senior Center Health Expo was director Fran Wall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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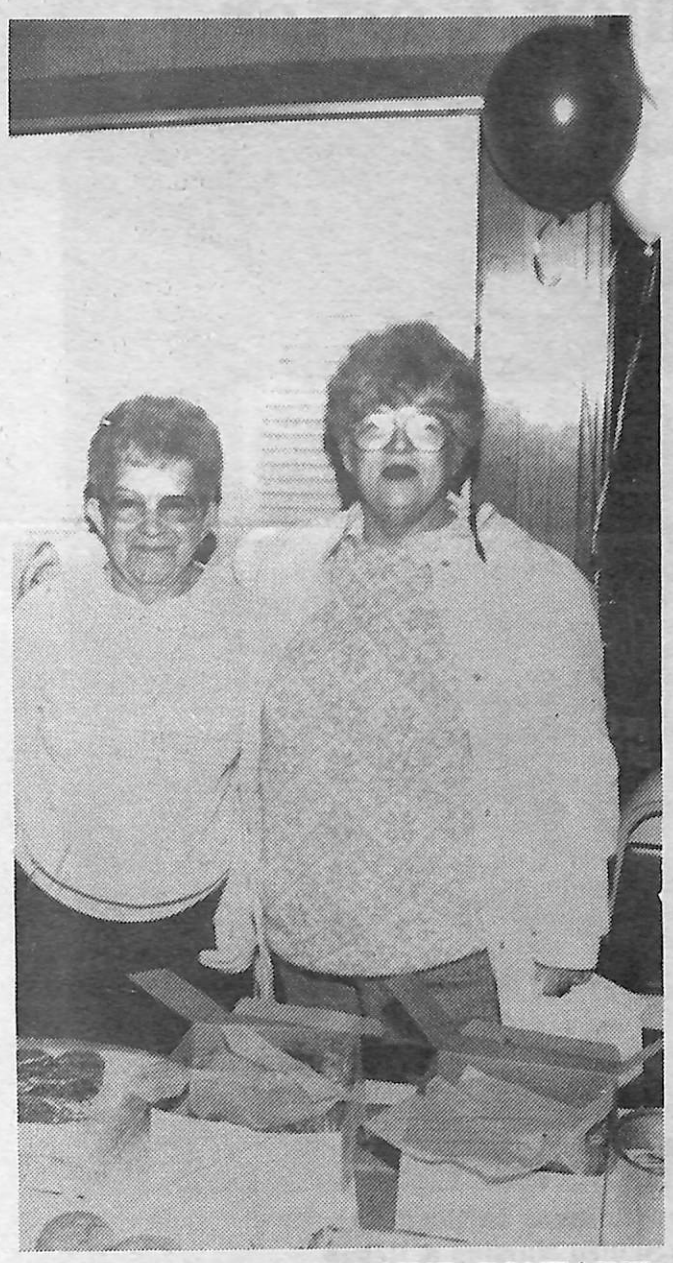
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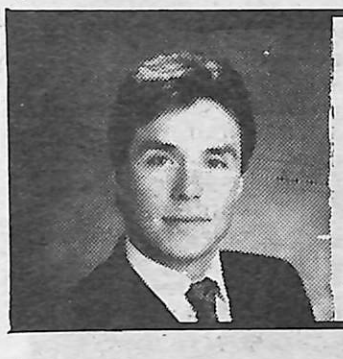
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Refreshment Servers...



LEE DION and LORRAINE FONTAINE served refreshments at the recent Health Expo at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer
Schlaffer Chiropractic Offices
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Benefits To Senior Citizens

Question: What benefits does chiropractic offer to senior citizens? Does Medicare cover chiropractic services?

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Many senior patients that enter my office are taking a variety of drugs, including pain killers, blood pressure pills, anti-depressants, sedatives, etc. These medications are masking symptoms. Many are producing dangerous side effects. We are not getting at the heart of the problem.

Chiropractic is opposed to the rampant use of these medications which dull the senses and produce detrimental side effects. The Chiropractor uses spinal adjustments, nutrition, exercises, and other natural methods of restoring health. The older person must stay alert and remain productive. Nothing is more rewarding than helping an older person regain greater range of motion and freedom of movement, and reducing the need for medications.

Medicare has paid for Chiropractic for decades. Our office submits claims electronically for rapid processing. Medicare covers at least 12 and possibly as many as 36 treatments per year based on your condition.

As a growing number of people enter the senior citizen category, we must include regular chiropractic care to insure them higher level of health. Seniors are always welcome at the SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE. Call us at 789-1369.

Best local news...

Kitchen Is Terrific Place For Elderly To Start With Energy Conservation

by Genesis ElderCare™
540 Meadow Street Extension, Agawam

As people age, taking care of chores such as meal preparation and cleaning can take a big bite out of the daily energy supply. By applying energy conservation and joint protection techniques, older adults can continue their daily routine safely and still have energy left over for some fun!

The kitchen is a terrific place to start. Instead of standing for lengthy periods of time to prepare meals, get yourself a chair which reaches counter height. By sitting, you can reduce the strain on your back (protecting your joints) and conserve the energy required to stand. Just remember ... don't stay in any one position for too long. Get up and stretch every 10 to 15 minutes so you don't get stiff!

Also, look at where you are storing items. Protect your joints and conserve energy by storing items between shoulder and waist height. This eliminates the need to strain by reaching objects overhead or bending down to reach objects stored below your waist.

If you find yourself making repeated trips from the cabinets to your food preparation area, try wearing a carpenter's apron with several pockets. Put a few items in your pockets so your hands are free and your trips back and forth are fewer.

A little creativity can go a long way in making changes not only in the physical layout of our homes, but in the way we carry out our daily routine. The physical and occupational therapists at **Genesis ElderCare™** help people make changes like these every day.

The changes don't have to be expensive and, more important, they go a long way in improving your safety, making sure you have energy left over for more enjoyable activities!

If you would like some assistance in making changes around your house, call our outpatient clinic in Agawam at **789-3933.** It will be our pleasure to speak with you.

Baystate Medical Center To Sponsor Maternity & Breastfeeding Classes

Baystate Medical Center will sponsor the following classes throughout the month of December.

Maternity Exercise Class · Monday and Wednesday evenings, now to December 18th, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Executive Officers Meeting Room, Porter Building, for pregnant women and those who recently delivered, $30. Pre-registration required by calling Parent Education at 784-BABY (2229).

Breast Feeding Class · December 10th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Lundy Board Room, Wesson Women and Infants' Unit. Pre-registration required. For more information, or to pre-register, call Parent Education at 784-BABY (2229).



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Check My Blood...



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZEN Ted Lizak has his blood pressure checked by Carol Langone at the recent Health Expo at the Agawam Senior Center. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGES. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Keep An Eye On The Kids

As many of you know, my son, Jack, is four years-old. He is currently in the learn-to-skate program with Baywest Hockey (definitely my husband's idea).

This is quite a humorous sight, seeing a four year-old with knee pads, elbow pads, hockey pants, and helmet with cage just trying to stand up, never mind skate.

These kids take quite a few knocks on that ice. Most of the time, their bodies can handle the wear and tear, but occasionally their spine can get injured.

The 24 movable bones or vertebrae that make up the spine should be freely moving in all the ranges-of-motion. If a spine receives a significant blow, the accompanying muscles tighten up. This causes the joints not to function properly, which results in restricted motion, possible pain, or inflammation.

If a child complains of pain, favors a certain body part, or displays restricted motion, it would be wise to have them checked out.

What about these hockey parents, though? First of all, they are standing in the freezing cold for over an hour on frigid cement. The cold causes the muscles to tighten, and standing on a hard surface in one position can create stress on the body. The few things I have learned as a "hockey parent" are to:

1) Dress warmly (It didn't take too long to figure that one out!)
2) Wear good, supportive shoes/sneakers.
3) Keep moving. Walk often.
4) Stretch while standing: raise the knees to the chest, bend forward at the waist, bend backward and side-to-side.
5) Think positively. They will only be playing another 10 or 12 years!!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Community Center For Cancer Opens Chapter In Agawam

The Captain Charles Leonard House was the setting recently when former local resident Dorothy (DelNegro) Nardi was a guest speaker for the newly formed Agawam chapter of the Community Center for Cancer Support. Mrs. Nardi is affiliated with "Gilda's Club" of South Florida, where she currently resides.

Gilda's Club is a Manhattan-based center for cancer survivors, families, and friends. Founded in memory of the beloved comedienne Gilda Radner of *Saturday Night Live,* the club is a unique, full-time facility featuring programs and activities which help people cope with cancer.

Several club chapters are forming nationwide, including the one soon to open in South Florida. Mrs. Nardi has played an instrumental role in its development, first as a volunteer organizer for nearly two years and recently as the club's office manager.

She says, "It's very exciting righ now, we're so close to our grand opening. The community response has been overwhelming, people are very involved, very supportive, and very anxious to see us open. It has been a wonderful experience because there are so many people who are waiting patiently to help and be helped in the ongoing fight against cancer."

The concert of Gilda's Club is the role model for the Agawam chapter of the Community Center for Cancer Support, founded by a local resident who is a nurse and a cancer survivor. "The concept is profound in its simplicity," says CCCS founder Nanci Scala. "Given the advances of medical technology and treatments, more and more people with cancer are able to live longer than ever before. Now there is a movement underway to match the *quality* of life with the quantity of life that has been created by medical progress."

She continued, "That is the role that is being filled by places like Gilda's Club in New York and Florida. We see no reason why the Greater Springfield area would not be supportive of the survivor movement if given the opportunity. After all, according to Department of Public Health statistics, close to 20,000 people in Greater Springfield are diagnosed with some type of cancer each decade."

CCCS is now poised to launch a "Help Open the Door" campaign in early 1997. Many months of research and planning have culminated in preparing CCCS to be eligible for recognition as a legally-approved, non-profit, and tax-deductible corporation. CCCS organizers are reviewing several potential sites in Agawam to house the Center; a decision will be made in the next 30 days.

Once the door is openen for a permanent Center, CCCS will provide drop-in access to a cancer library, counselors, nurses, educational workshops, social activities, nutrition, and exercise programs — all under one roof and accessible during daytime, evening, and weekend hours.

The Center is designed to create a supportive, healthy, and nurturing environment to help people cope with cancer. The Center will be available to people of all ages (children to senior citizens); people with any type of cancer; and people of all means, regardless of insurance or ability to pay.

CCCS organizers include a core group of local volunteers — nurses, teachers, social workers, and cancer survivors who understand and have experience with the needs of cancer patients.

"Cancer is a crisis of monumental proportions because it affects so many aspects of life — emotional, financial, spiritual, social, and physical aspects," Ms. Scala continues. "It takes a toll on entire family units in terms of producing continual stress, and stress is the single most-mentioned factor that needs to be controlled or eliminated when you have cancer."

The goal of CCCS is to become an integral supplement to medical care and treatment, not replace those in any way. Ms. Scala explains, "CCCS will be there after a cancer patient leaves the doctor's office thinking, 'Oh my God, where do I start? How do I make all the lifestyle changes the doctor recommended? How will I ever deal with this disease? How will my family cope with this?'"

While there are local programs available to provide some cancer support in our area, more and more government cuts and rapid changes in healthcare policies are de-emphasizing these services just as cancer survivors' needs and numbers are growing dramatically.

CCCS strives to avoid duplicating existing programs and services, and acknowledges that weekly or monthly support groups are wonderful and very useful. "However," says Ms. Scala, "the fact is that cancer and its stressors occur throughout the day, every day, often for months on end. People need a resource that is tailored to the disease and treatment cycles of their personal situations."

By working with the American Cancer Society, local hospitals, and the private medical community, CCCS is able to "customize" its broad range of services to meet individual needs. The first time a cancer survivor visits the Center, he or she will meet with nurses or counselors who will simply listen to their needs. Then, drawing from the CCCS framework of experience and resources, a customized plan will be established and resources will be rapidly mobilized to offer solutions and help.

"The backbone of the Center is based on listening," Ms. Scala says, "and mobilizing resources whether it is for a child, a parent, a grandparent, a spouse, or a friend."

CCCS has received the support and guidance of many local businesses, citizens, and organizations. "We know we can count on many more local volunteers to join us with this innovative and rewarding project." As a non-profit charitable entity, CCCS depends largely on donations from public citizens, businesses, and corporations.

"CCCS' fundraising goal is really quite nominal for our first year of operation because we are primarily a volunteer organization. We think the funds we raise will be a very reasonable investment in return for a community-based cancer support center. Anyone who has cancer or has had it affect their lives as a professional, a family member, or a friend will know intimately how vital it is to help support the Center," Ms. Scala concludes.

Persons wishing to volunteer their time may contact Nanci Scala at 789-1944. Donations may be sent to the Community Center for Cancer Support, c/o 417 Springfield Street, Box No. 201, Agawam, MA 01001.

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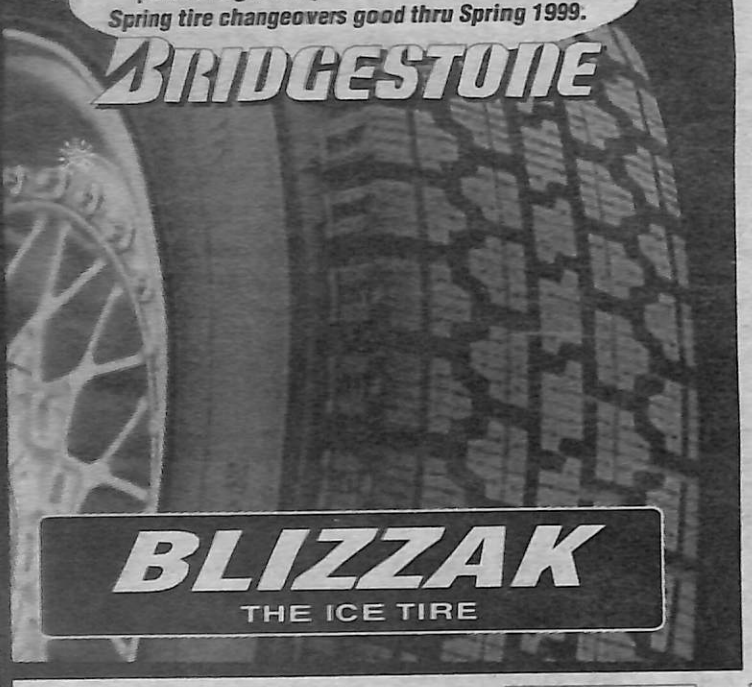
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Arts

New Christmas Show Coming To The Red Door Theatre

The Red Door Theatre, located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will ring in the Christmas season with a special Hilltop Players' celebration of *"Christmas Treasures"* for one weekend only — December 6th, 7th, and 8th (Friday through Sunday). The evening and afternoon performances will be filled with a collection of holiday songs, carols, skits, dance, and multi-media numbers that recall those memories that make this time of year so warm and joyful.

A cast of 37 area singers, actors, and dancers will fill the intimate theatre with such favorites as "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree," and "O Holy Night."

This patchwork collection also includes short scene adaptations from "The Little Matchgirl," "The Chimney Sweepers Christmas," and even a puppet presentation of "The 12 Days of Christmas."

There is something for the whole family, as directors Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons open a treasure chest of Christmas spirit and holiday cheer.

The cast brings together Bob, Meg, and Peg Parks of Suffield, along with Robert Morgan and Katie Tingley of Feeding Hills, who play a family that share their Christmas memories while unpacking their holiday decorations.

Also from Agawam/Feeding Hills are the Allen family (Marilene, Morgan, and Dana), Scott Belisle, Amanda and Irene Brown, Becky Carey, Sara Dorans, Stefanie Goyette, Jeff Tingley, and mother-daughter team Pat and Melody Serafino.

Also from Massachusetts is Jaime Ericksberg of Springfield, Debra and Tyson Lawrence of Southwick, Laurie and Lindsay Nickerson from Wilbraham, Irene and Alissa Pereira of Ludlow, Issy Stinnette of Woronoco, and Doreen Theriaque from Springfield.

Connecticut actors include Suffieldians Katie Alaimo, Bill and Leanne Crowley, Meghan Fiore, Nicole Messmer, Celeste and Amy Modzelesky, Michael Moreau, Kristin Morse, Sarah Winiarski, and Alex Kane from Granby.

Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and 2:00 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for children.

The Friday, December 6th performance is already sold out, so reservations are strongly suggested for this popular theatre group's holiday presentation of *"Christmas Treasures."*

Call 789-2026 for tickets and information.



MARGIE SECORA of Southwick leads The Hilltop Players cast of *"Christmas Treasures"* during a music rehearsal at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. The collection of carols, skits, songs, and stories of Christmas will come alive in this spirited family musical to be presented December 6th-8th.

"A Christmas Carol" Ready To Go At StageWest Starting December 6th

The best gift for yourself and your family this holiday season will open at StageWest *before* Christmas! Founding Producing Director Steve Hays is *wrapping up* his own adaptation of Charles Dickens' immortal classic *A Christmas Carol* to open December 6th at StageWest's S. Prestley Blake mainstage.

Spirits will literally rise as Hays, who will also direct *A Christmas Carol,* focuses on the ghostly aspects of Ebenezer Scrooge's Christmas Eve journeys toward redemption. All your favorite characters from Bob Cratchit to Tiny Tim will be portrayed by a cast of 25 in this spectacular rendition of the story that has become as much a part of the tradition of Christmas as holly wreaths and mistletoe.

The large cast of *A Christmas Carol* is headed by **Dan Mason** as Ebenezer Scrooge. **Laurine Towler** will play three different roles in *A Christmas Carol,* including The Ghost of Christmas Past.

StageWest newcomers **James Devon** and **April Black** will play Bob Cratchit and his wife, and **Charles Clark** will wear the chains of Jacob Marley's Ghost. Springfield's own **Ben Scranton** and his wife, **Lorrie Armstrong,** will play Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig in this production of *A Christmas Carol.*

Several local actors have been incorporated into this production, many of them present or former students of Steve Hays at the Drama Studio in Springfield. Playing various supporting characters in this adaption of Dickens' beloved & time-honored holiday classic are **Nick Bennett, Lauren Zumwalt Coppola, Stephen Ferrigno, David Goyette, David Jangraw, Erick Kastel, Doug Major, Lee Alison Marino, Robert McNeill, Luke Meginsky, Emilie Miller, Roxanna Myhrum, Scott Sokol, Paul Spartarella, Michelle Tardy,** and **Mike Weiselberg.**

A Christmas Carol opens Friday, December 6th, and will run until Sunday, December 22nd, at the S. Prestley Blake Theatre at StageWest. Curtain is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings, and at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. Matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the run, and at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18th.

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Lester has been performing throughout New England for more than 25 years and believes that "listening, singing, and telling is our way of sharing with each other what is important, and learning how to live together."

The public is invited to register for the event by calling the library at 789-1550 or by stopping by at 750 Cooper Street.

Victoria Jordan's Art Now Being Displayed In Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to present the artwork of Victoria Jordan in the gallery for the month of December.

A native of Texas, Victoria lives in Springfield, MA. She has been painting in pastels for 27 years. Her work has been exhibited at numerous regional shows and is currently being shown at The Art Gallery in East Longmeadow.

She has had a diverse art education with such well respected teachers as California artist Ning Yeh, portrait and mural artist John Phelps, and oil painter and illustrator Georgia Pugh. She also teaches children's drawing classes at her studio in Springfield.

Victoria prefers the medium of pastels because they have such an immediacy of application that they enable the artist to preserve the initial impulse. Also, pastels are the most permanent of all the painting mediums. Because they are applied dry, there is no chemical action going on. They never turn dark or yellow, but always look as fresh as the day they were painted.

Her exhibit may be viewed during library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 to 9; Friday, 10 to 6; and Saturday, 10 to 5. The library will be closed from noon on December 24th through the 25th, and December 31st at 5:00 p.m.



VICTORIA JORDAN'S work will be displayed at the Agawam Public Library throughout the month of December.

"Toy Story" Will Be Shown On Dec. 10th At Agawam Public Library At 6:30 p.m.

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are welcome to come and see the full-length, fully-animated feature film *"Toy Story"* at the Agawam Library on Tuesday, December 10th, from 6:30 to 7:50 p.m.

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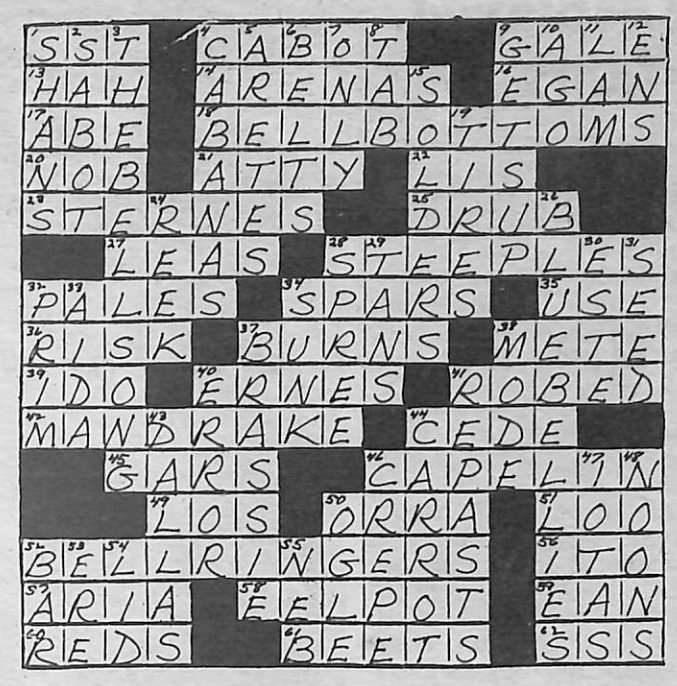
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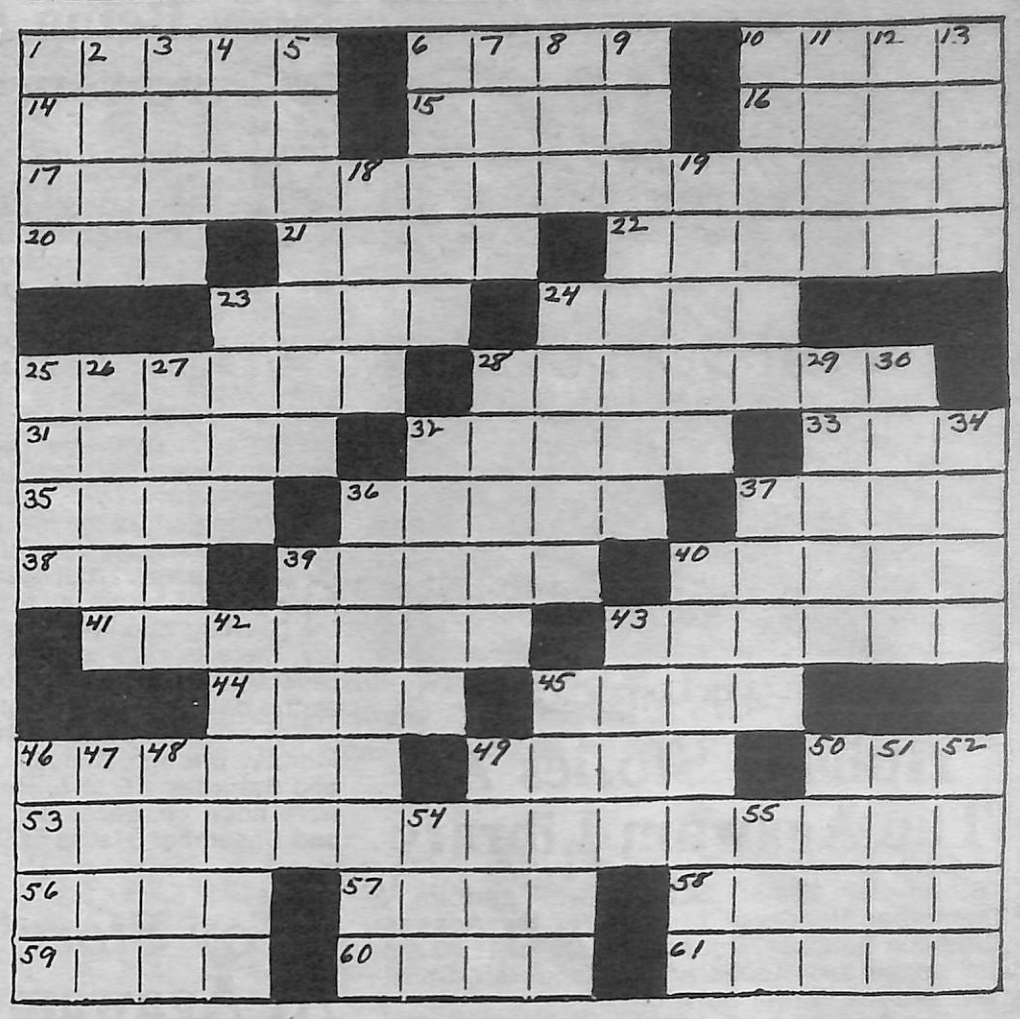
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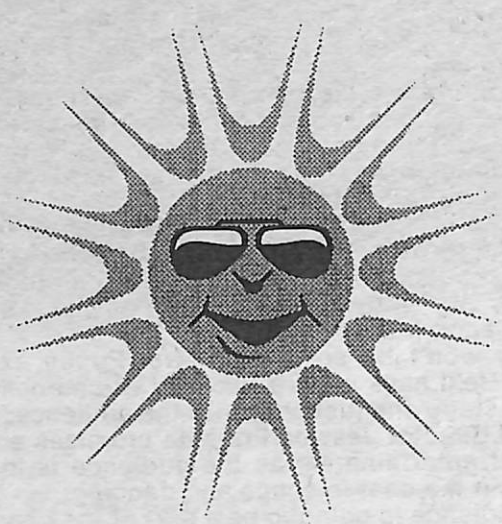
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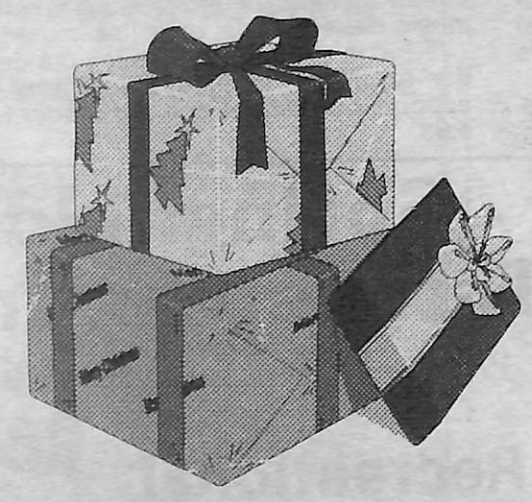
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Education

"A Christmas Carol" To Be Staged By AHS Theater Dept.

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A holiday treat is in store for theater lovers when the Agawam High School Theater Department presents the Charles Dickens classic, *"A Christmas Carol,"* on December 12th and 13th in the auditorium.

Drama director Margo Poulin said the curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m., on a lavishly costumed production featuring a good cast; a great job by the student director and the technical staff; and music by junior **Dan Hendrix.**

Mrs. Poulin said this is the first time students in the introductory theater course have been included in the production, and the audience can look forward to a slightly different angle on the portrayal of Jacob Marley's ghost.

"Marley won't be so scary," Mrs. Poulin explained. "He'll have a more Puckish air and he'll sit on the stage and just chat with the audience."

Student director **Jessica Przybyla** promises an evening of entertainment as the audience is invited to join the cast in songs and dancing.

"The audience is going to be a part of the play. They'll be dancing, singing carols, and joining us in a party scene," Jessica said.

Besides bringing the audience into the play, the class has incorporated elements of the Broadway hit, *"Les Miserables,"* to show the seamier side of the times.

"When Mrs. Poulin and I started going over the scenes, we saw the darker side of *"A Christmas Carol"* and we thought we could bring some of *"Les Mis"* to our production," Jessica said.

In addition to a terrific cast headed up by senior **Steve Sands** as Scrooge, the play will feature some truly special effects.

In charge of special effects, lighting and sound, Technical Manager **Zac Mouneimneh** said this year's effects will "blow the M.A.S.H. crew away.

Computerized Sound Effects

"We'll be having some fog and some ghostly effects. Like last year, the sound effects will be computerized and the lighting will be a lot more complicated now that we know how to use our new equipment," Zac said.

For set manager **Keith Jendza,** the play has presented several challenges with many sets to build and decorate, including Scrooge's house, the counting house, street scenes, and the Bob Cratchit home.

"We're using the whole auditorium as part of the set," Keith said. "The hard part has been figuring out the best place to put each scene."

With the technical aspects of the production well in hand, Jessica had nothing but praise for the efforts of the class in putting on a play like nothing they had even done before.

"The actors have been very easy to work with, the whole group has been absolutely wonderful. A lot of the parts reflect the personality of the class, but since most of the parts were written for men. we did have to change some the parts to women's parts," Jessica said.

Featured in the cast will be **Natalie Piccin** as the Ghost of Christmas Present; **Melanie Chiarella,** Ghost of Christmas Past; **Phil McGeoghan,** The Ghost of Christmas Future; **Zac Mouneimneh,** Jacob Marley's ghost; and **Eric Johnson** as Bob Cratchit. Making his debut on the AHS stage will be **Jonathan McGeoghan** as Tiny Tim.

According to its student director, the play will mirror the George C. Scott TV production (with an added element - audience participation).

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CAST MEMBERS OF THE UPCOMING PRODUCTION of *"A Christmas Carol,"* take time out for a Jack Devine photo during a recent rehearsal. The AHS Theater Department will be staging the Dickens classic on Thursday evening, December 12th and Friday evening, December 13th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL is inviting members of the Agawam senior citizen community to school events at no charge, effective immediately. From left - Tamara Watson, music coordinator; Fred Prouty, senior citizen; Joseph Zabielski, AHS principal; Valina Carpenter, Senior Center deputy director; Frank Gatti, senior citizen; Margo Poulin, AHS drama director; and Rev. Curt Fuller, senior citizen advocate. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Senior Citizens Can Now Attend Events At Agawam High For FREE

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Just in time to enjoy the Agawam High School Theater Department's rendition of the holiday classic, *"A Christmas Carol,"* Agawam senior citizens are getting a break on the ticket price.

In fact, it's more than a break, it's an out-and-out freebie for all events at AHS from Principal Joseph Zabielski and the members of the school's performing and athletic groups.

"Since we've opened up the school to the community, I've heard nothing but praise and encouragement from the seniors as we continue to take steps to tighten discipline and improve academic performance," Zabielski said.

Seniors 65 and over will not be charged for athletic events or productions of the theater or music departments, effective immediately.

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AHS Class Of 1997 Revels At Annual "Kid Party"







AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1997 members gathered for the Annual "Kid Party" on Friday evening, November 22nd. Judging from the wide variety of costumes and get-ups, the annual event was a memorable event for the senior class members. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1997 members are pictured at the Annual "Kid Party" at the school on Friday, November 22nd.
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Agawam Schools To Present Annual Holiday Concerts

The Agawam School Department invites the public to attend the following holiday concerts:
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All performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at each school. Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for students. Senior citizens will be admitted free.

Join us in the spirit of giving by bringing canned food and dry goods for donation to the Open Pantry. Come and enjoy our bands and choruses as we celebrate the diverse cultures that make this season so special.

Middle School Parents To Meet About DC Trip

A short meeting is planned for Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School to finalize arrangements for the Sixth-Grade Washington DC Trip, distribute the most complete up-to-date itinerary, and to sign up for group sales of candy bars.

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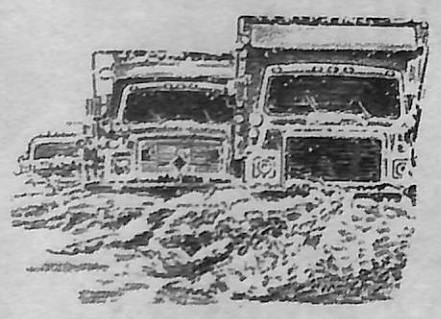
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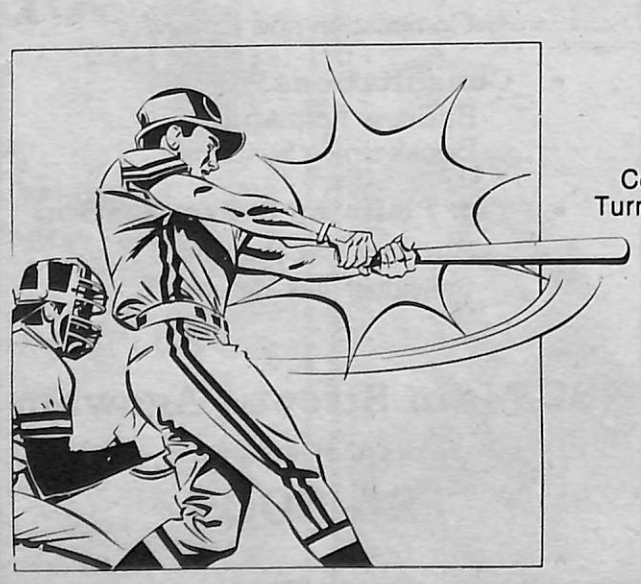
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Foreign Languages To Be Offered In Ag. At Earlier Age

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

According to the state Board of Education, all students should be able to read, write, and converse in at least one language besides English and the state's education frameworks call for students to be tested in foreign language in grades four, eight, and 10 as preparation for graduation from high school.

Presently, students in Agawam schools are first offered foreign language study at the Junior High, leaving world language teachers convinced it is essential to create a program at the elementary school level in order to ensure compliance with state guidelines.

World Language Curriculum coordinator Melanie Poudrier said a study group comprised of teachers, administrators, and parents has been investigating various options by visiting several school systems with a variety of elementary school language programs.

Best To Begin Before The Age Of 10

"In our research we've found that the kids are not confused by the introduction of a foreign language as some teachers feared," Mrs. Poudrier said. "Rather, the kids are like sponges soaking it up. They love to imitate new sounds; they are less self-conscious about making mistakes and so are able to achieve near native fluency. Research shows it's best to begin language study before the age of 10, but we do it backward."

Mrs. Poudrier said the study committee is taking a survey of elementary school parents and teachers to gather input before making a recommendation to the School Committee (by the end of the month).

Mrs. Poudrier said the ideal teaching schedule for an elementary language program would be 20-minute sessions three times a week.

Although no decision has yet been made on which language to introduce, it is likely to be one of the four (Spanish, French, Latin and Italian) already offered to Agawam High students.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, December 9th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, potato puffs, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, December 10th: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned carrot coins, fresh Mac apple or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, December 11th: Rotini with meatsauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned green & wax beans, pear macaroon, milk.

Thursday, December 12th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, seasoned diced carrots, wheat bread & butter, honey & mayonnaise, oven potato puffs, blueberry jello with topping, milk.

Friday, December 13th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned niblet corn, chilled peaches or chocolate brownie, milk.

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Mrs. Poulin added that the play will bring out the spirit of Christmas in an entertaining way.

"The play does have a message, but it was meant to be enjoyed by everyone as well," Mrs. Poulin said.

"...Like Nothing Done Before"

"Come see the play. It's going to be like nothing we've done before," Jessica said. "It's fun. It's scary. And it has a lot of audience participation."

A four-year theater student at AHS, Jessica plans to remain active in theater clubs next year at college.

The cast will be costumed entirely in the gowns and tuxes donated to the AHS Theater Department by Barbara Tourtoreillo when her Hillhouse Bridal Boutique went out of business.

"We must have about $15,000 worth of costumes, including four wedding gowns," Mrs. Poulin said. "Of course, I don't need them for this play, but I guess now I'll be looking for a play with a wedding ... how about *"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers?"*

Tickets to *"A Christmas Carol"* will be on sale at the door for $4. Senior citizens are admitted free.



AGAWAM MUSIC & ART TEACHERS are now developing an expanded, inter-disciplinary arts curriculum for students from pre-school through high school. Faculty members pictured above are (back row) Thais Wright, Tammy Watson, Andrew Kraus, Frances Messina, and Jeanne Trinque. Front row - Debora Florek, Susan Brown, and Gail Szatrowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Expanding Arts Curriculum In Agawam Schools Being Coordinated

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

They've always worked cooperatively in advancing arts education for their students, but the town's art and music teachers are taking it one step further in developing an expanded, interdisciplinary arts curriculum for students from preschool through high school.

"This is not a blending of the two departments. It's more of a meeting of the minds," according to music curriculum coordinator Tamara Watson at Agawam High School. "We're looking for the commonalties as artists and musicians pooling our talents. We're finding we're all speaking the same language of color, balance, line and blending."

Meeting on their own time in three hour sessions twice a month, Agawam arts educators are working to establish a curriculum that will align itself with the state frameworks for arts education.

Among the group's goals: creating a pre-K program in art and music; creating an arts requirement at the High School of at least one course in music, art or theater; and establishing a Friends of the Arts community organization.

"We'd like to have an outside arts festival in the spring featuring an art gallery of student works as well as performances by the Music and Theater Departments," Miss Watson said. "We want to raise arts awareness and involve the citizens, particularly the senior citizens, in an ongoing relationship with the school arts programs. There has always been strong support for the arts in the community."

The recent appointment of Frances Messina as the curriculum coordinator in art and Andrew Kraus as the liaison teacher has been instrumental in assisting the group toward making progress in restructuring the program into a sequential arts experience for students pre K-12, Miss Watson said.

According to the state's guiding principle of arts education, the arts serve all students as a place to display multiple intelligences and express talents outside the academic areas.

"The arts are a place where everyone can find success," Miss Watson said. "It's not just for select groups like the (AHS) Show Choir or the Jazz Band. We have programs and groups for everyone."

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Guidance Coordinator
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A Middle School Visit

My intern, Dianne Mazzie, decided to visit the Middle School and spend the whole day observing the duties of a Middle School counselor. The following is a recollection of her thoughts concerning that day.

As you will see, things were jumping and jiving. There was much to do; individual counseling, talking to members of the staff, calling parents, and visiting classrooms.

My day at the Middle School started off with meeting the staff and watching Mr. Dacey juggle a week's work into just two days. The agenda for the day was to go into two fifth grade classrooms and discuss effective test-taking techniques as well as study skills. A short video using student actors in a high school setting was used. The material covered was pretty universal so I didn't gather that the students had any comprehension problems.

After the video, a short fill-in-the-blank was given to the class and was discussed. From the number of hands that were raised, I could tell that the students were really paying attention to the material being covered.

Since we found many notes when we arrived in Mr. Dacey's office, it was important for us to contact the senders. Together, we spoke to some of the special education teachers about problems they were experiencing with certain students.

As Mr. Dacey continued to interact with other staff members and some parents, it was readily apparent to me that Mr. Dacey enjoys a nice rapport with people. Some faculty members expressed with me that they were unhappy Mr. Dacey was in their building only two days a week. They had hoped that this year would find him there full-time since problems cannot be as successfully dealt with the day after they occur.

During the day, I got a chance to meet with the school adjustment counselor, Mr. Cowles. He is very informative and tends to take on extra duties when Mr. Dacey is at the High School. He deals with all issues ranging from divorce, anxiety attacks, suicide, etc. From talking to him, it became clear to me how many problems exist on the Middle School level and how beneficial it would be if there were a full-time guidance counselor on board to facilitate daily happenings.

Now, I have a better understanding of guidance at the Middle School. I was impressed with the building, staff, and students. Each seemed interested in his/her tasks. From looking at the school and talking to the Principal, Mr. Zavarella, whom I thanked profusely for allowing me to visit, it is apparent that there is pride in the school which penetrates from the top down.

In the future, I am hopeful that I can pay another visit to the Middle School and visit the Junior High as well.

College Acceptances: Congratulations!

Lisa Reveruzzi, Bay Path College; **Seth Bertone-Gross,** University of North Dakota, University of South Dakota, University of Wyoming, University of Idaho.

Military: Congratulations!

Joel Roberts, U.S. Navy

Scholarships: See Mrs. Williams for more information or an application.

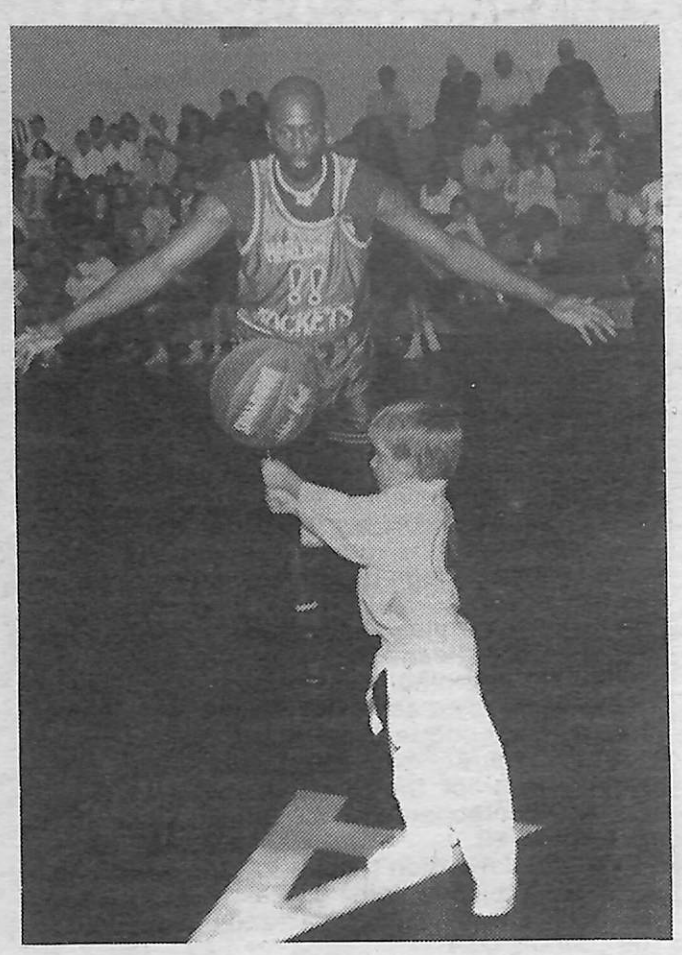
Massachusetts Temperance League Essay Contest: The theme of this year's contest is "Alcohol: Friend or Enemy?" To enter, write an essay on the theme in which the seriousness of the alcohol problem in our society is evaluated, with specific attention to its effect on teenagers and/or families.

Open to students in Massachusetts in grades nine through 12. **Deadline:** March 3, 1997.

National Kidney Foundation Minority Science Scholar Summer Research Award: Open to minority senior high school students who excel in science and who are interested in pursuing a career in research. The selected students will work in a lab this summer studying some aspect of kidney or urological disease. **Deadline:** March 14, 1997.

Quota Club of Springfield Scholarship: A $1,500 scholarship will be offered to a student in the greater Springfield area who is hearing impaired or who intends to pursue a field of study pertaining to hearing impaired people. **Deadline:** February 1, 1997.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: December 9th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.



SPIN THE BASKETBALL: This little guy found out how with the help of one of the Harlem Rockets at the AHS gym. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Harlem Rockets Blast-Off With Laughs At AHS Gym

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The pre-game warm-ups told the tale in advance when the Harlem Rockets blasted the Agawam All Stars at the recent Agawam High School PTSO benefit game. At the Rockets' end of the court, the ball rarely missed a swish; on the All Stars' side, well...let's just say that on the Rockets' side, the ball rarely missed a swish.

Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney launched "the best, the undefeated Agawam All Stars" by introducing: "Downtown" Donnie Gallerani, Joanne "Make a Move" McGeoghan, Chris "He Be Jammin'" Johnson, Marie "Mad Dog" Mazza, "Lay-up Louise" David, "Not to Be Confused With Dr. J, Dr. A" Frank Ameruoso, Sue "Swish" Pettazzoni, Kelley "Hot Shot" Hellstein, "Jump Shot" Joe Zabielski, and Bill "Hercules" Haag.

Led onto the court by their captain of comedy, "Rainbow" Muntaqim, the Rockets dazzled the crowd with their basketball skills and kept everyone laughing with their unique blend of music, comedy, and audience participation.

Scoring the first basket for the All(most) Stars, "Make a Move" McGeoghan had a big assist—not from her teammates, but from "Rainbow." Despite his best efforts on behalf of his opponents, Rainbow could only do so much for the home team.

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Jr. High PTO's News & Notes; Calendar Of Events For December

The last meeting of the Agawam Junior High PTO was held on November 25, 1996.

The Junior High will be holding a book fair which will run from December 9th until December 13th. Volunteers are needed for each of these days from 10:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Anyone who can help out on any of these days should contact Donna Shibley at 786-3888 or call Mr. Costanzi at school.

Once again this year, the Bank of Boston is offering points toward equipment for our school. Parents, relatives, or friends can obtain points by stopping into any branch and filling out a certificate. For each certificate filled out, the school will receive 75 points.

You do not have to do business with the Bank of Boston to qualify and the bank will NOT contact you further. If you filled out a certificate last year, you can do it again this year. Please support our school in this project.

The Ski Club is starting up again this year. Permission slips and forms were sent home with any interested students the week of November 25th. Students will begin skiing the first Friday in January and will continue for five weeks.

This is to remind parents of the new drop-off area for this year. All students being driven to school in the morning should be dropped off in the rear of the building near the gym. Students should enter the building at the rear of the cafeteria.

Please note the following dates:

December 9th-13th: Annual Book Fair, 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

December 11th: Winter Chorus & Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.

December 12th: School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

December 13th: Warning Notices Issued

December 16th: Monthly PTO Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

December 20th: Last Day of School for Christmas Vacation.

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Locals Scramble For New Strategy

At the halftime buzzer, the score was 43-27 and Agawam was scrambling for a new strategy—a secret weapon to save the day. They didn't have far to look.

With her own cheering section for moral support, social studies teacher Marie "Mad Dog" Mazza had the team's secret weapon, three year-old granddaughter Lauren "Peanut" Mazza, under wraps and on her lap waiting to alter the Rockets' course.

A little dance break found fans in the stands (yes, that was Margaret Devine, wife of *AAN* photographer Jack Devine) and on the floor joining in the Macarena led by "Rainbow" and dancing "Downtown Donnie" Gallerani.

Dance break over, it was time to launch the "Peanut" into orbit over Agawam's hoop. But, even a giant boost from Rocket Man Rainbow wasn't quite enough for Agawam's guided missile to hit the target—just an inch or two would have done it. Game plan for the next year—a growth spurt for the "Peanut."

By the beginning of the fourth quarter, the All Stars trailed by a score of 76-62 and the Agawam women tried one last gambit: the old ball under the shirt trick, but even the extra balls on the court couldn't disrupt the Rockets' trajectory. In the end, the scoreboard showed the All Stars 68; the Rockets at 99.

But the fans didn't seem to mind—they were more interested in joining "Rainbow" in singing everyone's favorite, *"YMCA"* and then doing a little *"Surfing USA."*

Returning for the All Stars' third outing, former School Committee member "Lay-up" Louise David admitted their strategy began to fall apart long before the team assembled on the court.

Lunch at the David home with members of the Rockets is a yearly tradition as the visiting team takes a break from touring the schools. This year, the idea was to gain an advantage for the home team by loading down the Rockets with an array of homemade goodies. The strategy backfired.

"It didn't work," Mrs. David said. "We ate all the cookie ourselves."

Owner and general manager of the Rockets, Brig. Gen. George Mitchell, ret., said the team was well-received during its tour of the town's elementary schools as the team members brought their anti-drug message to the students.

Well Received By The Community

"We got a very good response as we visited the schools. We believe in giving the kids an anti-drug and alcohol message and urging them to stay in school," Mitchell said. "We tell the kids to listen to their parents and teachers. We believe in athletics as a way to build self-esteem and moral character."

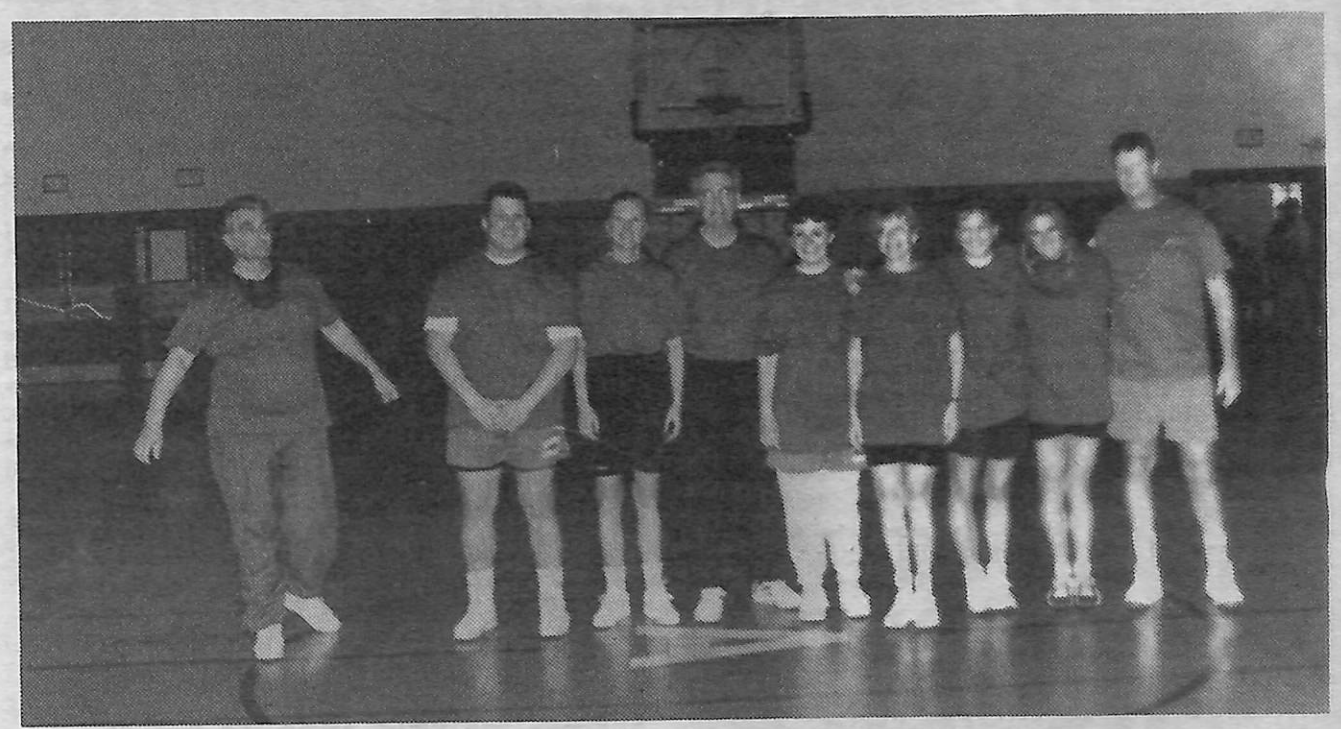
In his fourth year as the Rockets' owner, Mitchell said this year's team featuring three members from the Harlem Wizards is the best he's put together.

"We have some very talented players and they enjoy what they're doing," Mitchell said.

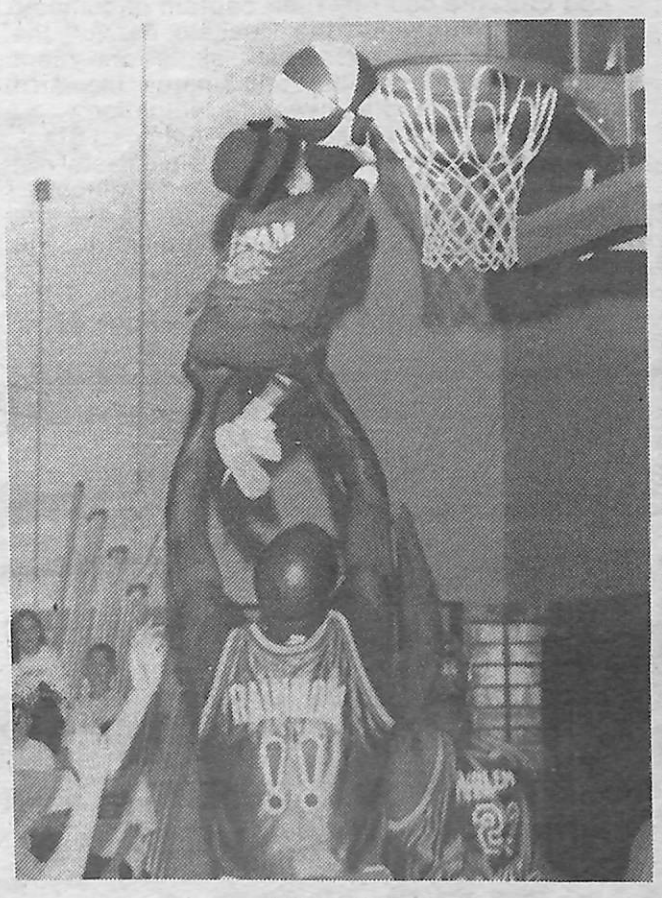
The team travels across the Northeast and as far south as Tennessee, playing 150 games a year, Mitchell said.

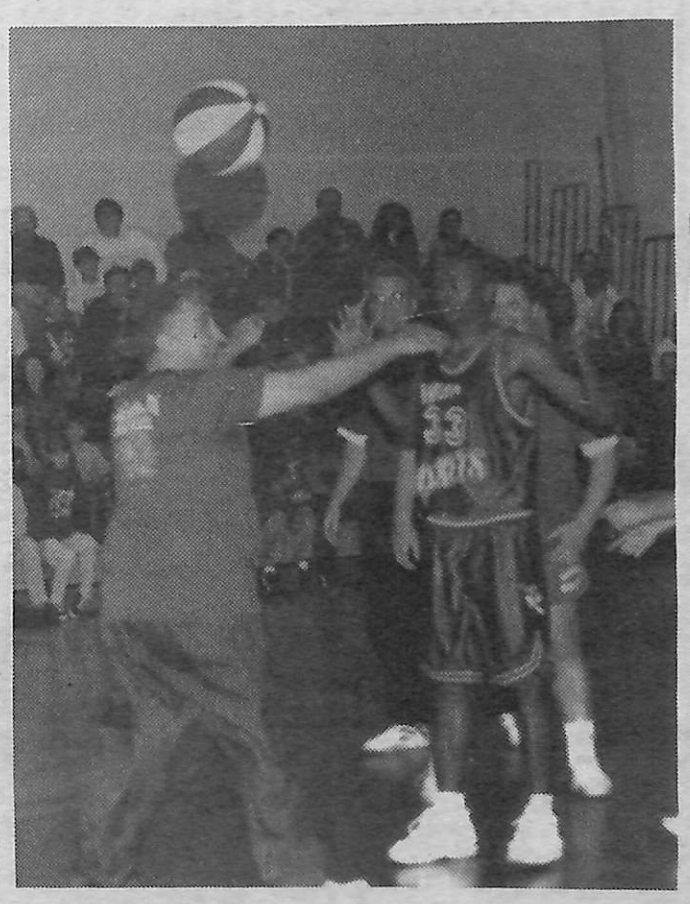


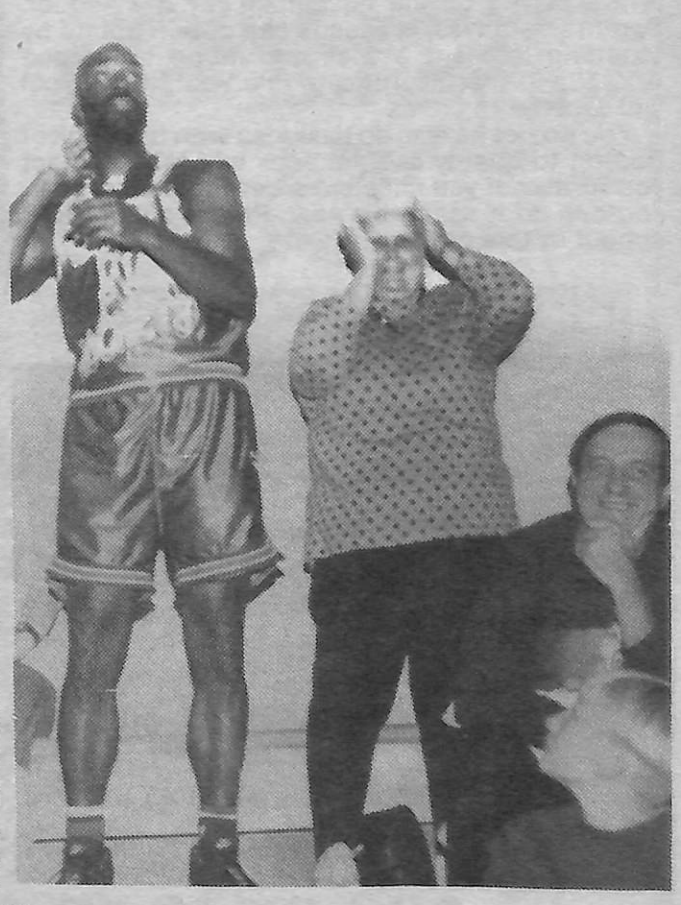
MEMBERS OF THE HARLEM ROCKETS with their team owner and general manager, Brig. Gen. George Mitchell (retired) also toured town schools to bring an anti-drug message. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM ALL-STARS, who attempted (that's a stretch) to compete against the Harlem Rockets. From left - Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruoso (doing what appears to be some kind of rain dance), Police Officer Donald Gallerani, PTSO member Joanne McGeoghan, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, teacher Marie Mazza, former School Committee member Louise David, School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni, teacher Kelley Hellstein, and Principal Joseph Zabielski. Advertiser New photo by Jack Devine.







THE HARLEM ROCKETS brought their traveling basketball sideshow and hijinx to the Agawam High School gym last month. FROM LEFT - Lauren "Peanut" Mazza does her version of a slam dunk with the help of Rocket Man Rainbow; Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruoso tried to make a pass that looked more like a head ball in soccer; and in PHOTO RIGHT, Rainbow Man and Margaret Devine, wife of *Advertiser News* staff photographer Jack Devine, lead the crowd in the "Macarena" (as Margaret's son-in-law, Bruce Theriaque, smiles from ear to ear). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Phelps Brownie Troop 587 Continues To Be Busy



SOME OF THE BROWNIES from Phelps School Troop 587 worked at the Girl Scout booth at The BIG E this past September. Back row - Denise Moffat (troop leader). Second row - Lindsay Palazzi, Lauren Davis, Christina Davis, Jackie Van Etten, Jennifer Bessette, and Debbie Frazzetta (troop co-leader). Front row - Kyo Fujioka and Heather Jo Moffat.



THE GIRLS FROM PHELPS BROWNIE TROOP 587 had fun at a recent meeting making their own trail mix. The troop was working on the "Good Food" Try-It. Each girl was asked to bring an ingredient. Everything was placed in a big bowl and mixed together. The result was a yummy snack enjoyed by all the girls!

Matt Schuh Chosen As Student Emissary

Matt Schuh, son of Paul & Doris Schuh of 13 Gina Drive, Feeding Hills, has been chosen to be one of 30 Student Ambassadors from the People to People Program and will be touring Central Europe for three weeks in the summer of 1997.

Matt will be visiting France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and the Czech Republic.

He will have the opportunity to meet with dignitaries of these countries, live with host families, sightsee, and more.

Matt will begin his orientation in December and then will be involved in over 12 hours of classroom instruction from January to June, where he and the rest of the students will learn about the culture of the countries, customs, exchange of money, how and what to pack, and everything else they will need to know before traveling.

Since 1993, the People to People Student Ambassador Program, a program which began under the direction of President Eisenhower, has helped prepare thousands of young Americans for their role as responsible citizens and leaders by offering an opportunity to discover for themselves the economic, political, and cultural factors that influence the world community.

Each delegation of Student Ambassadors is accompanied by appointed Delegation Leaders, who are instrumental in providing a rewarding overseas experience. Delegation Leaders are selected from among outstanding teachers who have been recommended by school and program officials and have been personally interviewed by program coordinators.

Matt is presently in the seventh grade and attends the St. Thomas School in West Springfield. Congratulations, Matt!!!

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Stephen K. Bodurtha Bowdoin Scholar

Stephen K. Bodurtha of Agawam, a member of the class of 1999, was among 77 students from Massachusetts who have been recently designated James Bowdoin Scholars at Bowdoin College.

They were among 343 undergraduates accorded recognition for distinguishing themselves in scholarship by the College. The designation as James Bowdoin Scholar honors James Bowdoin III, who was the earliest patron of the college and who was instrumental in its founding in 1794.

Karen Bottasso Is Named To UMass Golden Key Society

Karen Bottasso, daughter of Alice and George Bottasso, Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills, has become a member of the University of Massachusetts Amherst chapter of Golden Key.

Golden Key is a national academic honor society formed to recognize and encourage outstanding scholastic achievement in all fields of study. Membership is by invitation to juniors and seniors who have maintained at least a 3.5 cumulative average on a four-point scale. This year's induction ceremony was held on November 17th.

Bottasso is a member of the class of 1997 majoring in speech language pathology and audiology at the University, where she is a Walter S. Barr Scholar and has received a William Field Alumni Scholarship. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1993.

Local Students Earn Athletic Awards At Suffield Academy

At the Athletic Awards Assembly at Suffield Academy on November 20th, the following area students were honored with special awards and varsity letters:

Girls' Cross Country

Katherine Kilrain, Feeding Hills - Outstanding Achievement Award.

Football

Daniel Beaudette, Agawam - J. Edward Tryon Outstanding Player of the Year.

Varsity Letters: **Aaron Orsatti,** Agawam, and **Jeffrey Beaudette,** Agawam.

Girls' Soccer

Varsity Letters: **Kristine Modzelesky,** Feeding Hills.

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Sports

Blews & Brownies Take Turkey Home With Easy 29-12 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Since the holidays are a time for cooking up toothsome dishes, it's only fitting that the Agawam High football team came up with the perfect recipe last Thursday for their 29-12 Thanksgiving morning win over West Springfield.

First into the mix was about a thousand pounds of offensive linemen. Then they measured in a liberal helping of hot pursuit, gang-tackling defense. A huge helping of Jeff Blews (three TD's) came next, plus a dash of Phil McGeoghan.

The coaches then stirred and seasoned up the whole concoction during a tough week of practice, brought it over to Garrett Smith Field, threw it on the gridiron griddle, and turned up the heat. It was indeed a tasty dish. After that four-star appetizer, the post-game turkey must have tasted mighty fine for the Brownies. As for West Side, we would imagine they dined on something akin to crow.

The victory evened up the Brownie record at 5-5. West Springfield fell to 5-6. It also broke a two-game turkey day win streak for the Terriers in a series which stretches back to 1924. Agawam leads overall, 47-21-3.

This was supposed to be a close game. After all, the Terriers were big from tackle to tackle, on both offense and defense. They had Shawn Lyman at running back. He was a force for them all year long. He came in with 1,700-plus yards and a 178-yards-per-game average, until the Brownie "D" went about stuffing him (52 yards, 18 carries).

"We didn't do anything special to stop him," Agawam Coach Dean Vecchiarelli noted. "Our safeties just moved closer to the line and we were able to penetrate." Then he added, "The West Side running game develops slowly. So we were beating them to the point of attack all day long."

But the Brownies, improving with every week since they were 0-4 after the Holyoke game way back on October 11th, paid little attention to what the scribes and the West Side people said. They came in at 4-1 over a five-week period and riding a two-game winning streak.

The "Unbending" Brownie Defenders...

West Side got the opening kick-off. Their first two possessions saw them drive into Brownie territory. The Agawam defense might have bent a bit. But defenders Rich Skowyra, Darrell Malachowski, George Graves, Mike Mangano, and Brian Gallagher had no notion of breaking before the huge crowd.

At 3:58 of the first quarter, Agawam got the ball, first and 10 at its own 11-yard line. The Terrier defensive line got down in the crouch. The Brownie offensive line, giving up at least 20 pounds per man, wasn't impressed. At the snap, they blew the West Side defenders backwards. Jeff Blews, who hits the holes like a cat, busted over left tackle. Then it was a foot race down the right sideline.

At the West Side 45, he got two fine blocks from Bryan Menard and Phil McGeoghan which allowed him a clean shot at the end zone. Only a desperation tackle by the Terriers' Mike Vivenzio at the one-yard line prevented an Agawam score. But it was all academic. Two plays later, Blews went in from the one. A Tony Planzo boot made it 7-0 Brownies at the 2:41 mark of the first quarter.

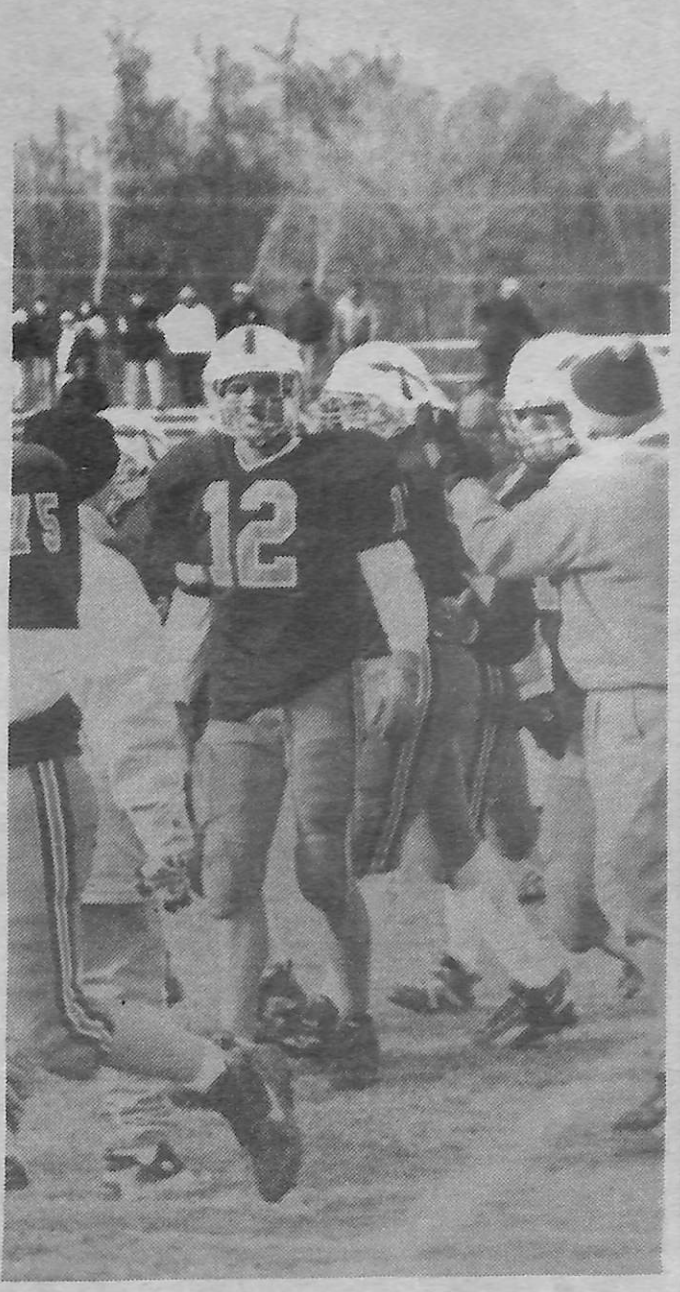
For most of the second quarter, West Springfield would continue to spend a good deal of time in the Agawam half of the field. But even though they had the hammer cocked, they couldn't pull the trigger. Lyman continued to get the call. The Brownie defense continued to deny him.

At the 2:28 mark, a West Side punt put Agawam in a hole at its own three-yard line. It didn't take long for the Brownies to dig out. Blews took the hand-off from quarterback Eric Melbourne and headed for a different kind of hole — the one on the right side opened up by some ferocious blocking courtesy of center Adam Kimball and guard Chris Olson.

Blews had the whole field before him now. Only one man had a shot at the tough tailback — West Side's Chris Barker, who had a slight angle. McGeoghan was perhaps 15 yards back, trailing the play. The tall senior turned on the afterburners and kicked in his 4.5 speed. Barker was closing on Blews, but McGeoghan was closing on Barker. The Terrier thought he had Blews all lined up at the West Springfield 15-yard line. Instead, McGeoghan ran him down and belted him off stride. Blews took it in for a 93-yard TD. Planzo made it 14-0 with 1:57 left in the half.

West Side took the kickoff and once again got the ball into Agawam territory. Once again, the Brownie defense stepped up. The Terriers, figuring Lyman was a marked man, decided to air it out

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AGAWAM HIGH'S PHIL MCGEOGHAN won the AA Conference scoring title this season with 102 points. He was the first Brownie to win that title in quite a spell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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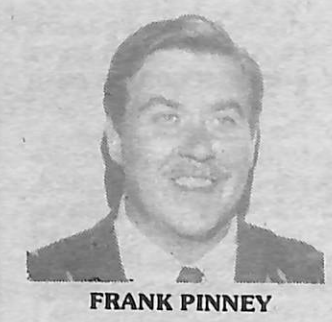
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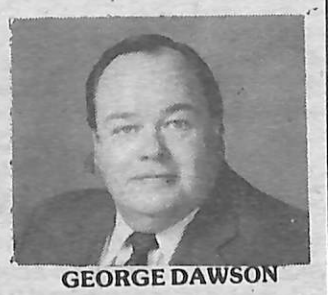

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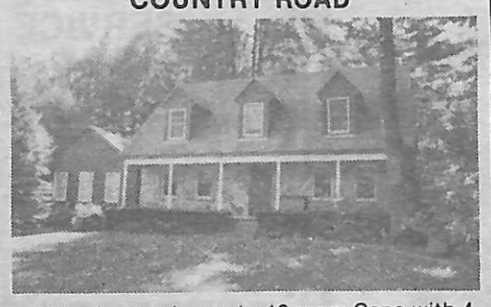


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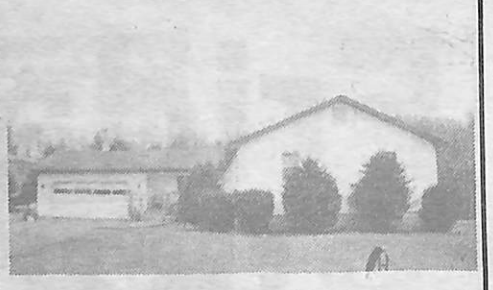


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with a second and 25 facing them on the Agawam 44-yard line. Quarterback Bob Arnett took a short drop, looked to the left flat, and let it go. The pass was caught.

Unfortunately For The Terriers...

Unfortunately for the Terriers, Brownie tri-captain Bryan Menard was the one who caught it. The big linebacker (6'3", 220), who has more speed than one might think, rumbled down the left sideline for a 57-yard score. "It was the first time I'd ever played the outside linebacker position," Menard admitted. "The coaches stressed that I was responsible for coverage on the flat. He threw it and I was where I was supposed to be." The kick made it 21-0, Agawam when the half-time whistle blew.

There was no scoring in the third quarter. But it was obvious the Terriers were getting frustrated. Their fans, with the specter of defeat before them and turkey on their minds, began to drift towards the exits.

In the fourth quarter, McGeoghan had a spectacular run for what seemed like a score called back on a penalty. He took the hand-off at his own 49-yard line and broke tackle after tackle on a bunch of cutbacks.

Finally, with a host of panting Terriers hot on his heels, he went left, cut it upfield, and weaved his wave into the West Side end zone. The ball was called back to the West Springfield 25. That demonstration of his skills makes one understand why the college football scouts have the kid's phone number committed to memory and his address high on their recruiting lists. Therefore, it's no wonder that he won the AA Conference scoring title with 14 TD's (102 points).

A few minutes later, Melbourne, on third and 22 at the Terrier 37, would hit McGeoghan over the middle for a 36-yard gain and a first and goal at the one-yard line. At 3:08, Blews ran it in for his third TD of the game and 11th of the season. His 211 yards on 24 carries would give him 1,089 for the season. Blews thanked his offensive line of Adam Kimball, Ryan Wilson, Rich Skowyra, Geoff Biebel, and Chris Olson for helping him enjoy such a great campaign. Bryan Menard caught the two-point conversion for a 29-0 Agawam lead.

The Terriers would score two late touchdowns, both on pass plays of 12 and 39 yards, respectively. But by then, Vecchiarelli had his reserves in the game, some for varsity experience, others so that they could say they played in the impressive Agawam win.

BROWNIE GAME STATS

RUSHING:

Blews, 24 - 211, three TD's; McGeoghan, 3 - 24; Gallagher, 2 - 5; and Curto, 1 - 11.

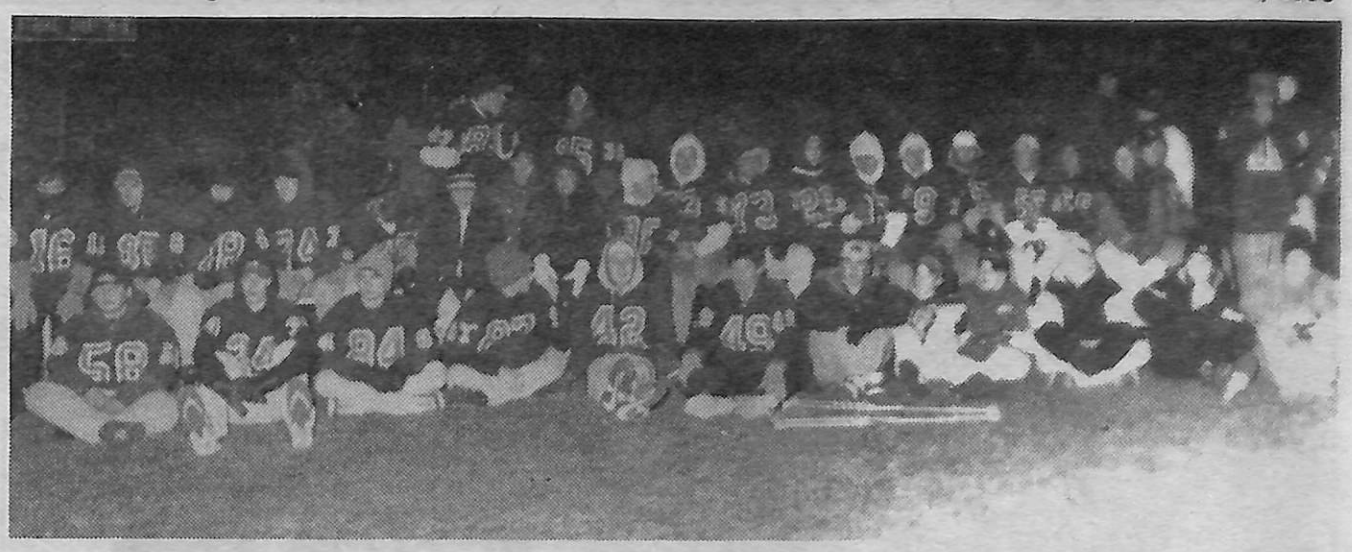
PASSING:

Melbourne, eight attempts, two completions, 42 yards.

RECEIVING:

McGeoghan, 2 - 42 yards; and Menard, one two-point conversion, also one interception for a touchdown.

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AT THE ANNUAL BONFIRE AND PEP RALLY at bitter cold Harmon Smith Field on Thanksgiving Eve, members of the Agawam High School football Brownies (top photo) watch their football moms participate in the fun. The Brownies blew out the Terriers the next day, 29-12. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL cheerleaders enjoy the Thanksgiving Eve pizza party in the school's cafeteria. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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SEASON STATISTICS
RUSHING:

Blews, 177 - 1,089 yards (6.5 ypc), 11 TD's, one two-point conversion; McGeoghan, 22 - 250 (11.4 ypc), one TD plus one 70-yard punt return for a TD and an 80-yard kick-off return for a TD; Melbourne, 26 - 115 yards (4.2 ypc), 13 sacks, minus 74 yards; Perreault, 22 - 268 (12.8 ypc), one TD; Gallagher, 32 - 113 (3.5 ypc); Graves, 5 - 34; and Curto, 9 - 54.

PASSING:

Melbourne, 117 attempts, 58 completions (49.6 percent), 886 yards (20.1 yards per throw), 15 TD's, six ints., three two-points; and McGeoghan, 11 attempts, five completions, 41 yards, one TD, one int., one two-point conv.

RECEIVING:

McGeoghan, 30 catches, 613 yards (20.4 yards per reception), 14 TD's; Menard, 21 catches, 247 yards (13 yards per reception), three two-point conversions, one interception for a TD; Perreault, seven catches - 72 yards; Gallagher, one catch -two yards, one TD; Mangano, one catch - eight yards, one TD; Melbourne, one - three, one two-point conv.; Blews, 1 - 14; Wing, 1 - 13; and Lane, 1 - 1, two-point conv.

Agawam Piranhas Swim Team Easily Defeats Swim Team From Palmer, 507-203

The Agawam Piranhas swim team won against the Palmer team by a score of 507-203 on November 23, 1996 at Palmer High School. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Allison Ventulett, Caitlin Hurley, Tammy Gorman, and Julie Gorman placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Johannah Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Katelyn Morytko, Tammy Gorman, Allison Ventulett, and Johannah Kos placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Tammy Gorman, first, and Megan Lalli, third in 25-yard freestyle; Julie Gorman, first, and Katelyn Morytko, second in 25-yard butterfly; Allison Ventulett, second in 25-yard backstroke; Johannah Kos, first, Caitlin Hurley, second, and Katelyn Morytko, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Adam Deliefde, Shaun Bruso, Matthew Styckiewic, and William Barker III placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

The team of Adam Deliefde, Matthew Styckiewic, Anthony Ardolino, and William Barker III placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

William Barker III, first, and Ryan Belisle, third in 25-yard freestyle; Shaun Bruso, first in 25-yard butterfly; Anthony Ardolino, second, and Matthew Styckiewic, third in 50-yard freestyle; Anthony Ardolino, first, Stephen Ferrigno, second, and Ryan Belisle, third in 25-yard backstroke; Adam Deliefde, first, and Shaun Bruso, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

Bethany Reid, first, Katie Gorman, second, and Kaitlin Bond, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Bethany Reid, Leeann Morytko, Katie Gorman, and Jillian Kos placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Danielle Poggi, Jennifer Clark, Abriana Spagnoli, and Jessica Lalli placed third.

Jessica Lalli, first in 50-yard freestyle; Jillian Kos, first, Corena Sargent, second, and Kaitlin Bond, third in 50-yard butterfly; Bethany Reid, first, and Abriana Spagnoli, third in 100-yard freestyle; Katie Gorman, first, Leeann Morytko, second, and Corena Sargent, third in 50-yard backstroke; Jillian Kos, first, Leeann Morytko, second, and Abriana Spagnoli, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

Benjamin Bruso, first in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Erik Deliefde, Doug Duquette, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Benjamin Bruso placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Kyle Henry, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Anthony Rueli, third in 50-yard butterfly; Doug Duquette, third in 100-yard freestyle; Doug Duquette, second, and Alan Gallerani, third in 50-yard backstroke; Benjamin Bruso, first, and Anthony Rueli, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

The team of Kimberly Chmura, Allison Morris, Hilary Golas, and Kyliegh Egan placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Brittany Theriaque, Ashley King, Rebecca Carey, and Lindsay Carey placed second.

Hilary Golas, first in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Allison Morris, Kyliegh Egan, Brittany Theriaque, and Lindsay Carey placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Leigh Stepanian, Rebecca Carey, Irena Klimczak, and Nicole Breivogel placed second.

Kyliegh Egan, first, and Nicole Breivogel, second in 200-yard freestyle; Allison Morris, second, and Rebecca Carey, third in 50-yard freestyle; Leigh Stepanian, second, and Irena Klimczak, third in 50-yard butterfly; Brittany Theriaque, first in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, first, Leigh Stepanian, second, and Daveen Macsata, third in 50-yard backstroke; Ashley King, first, and Irena Klimczak, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

Tom Gorman, first in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Kyle Sullivan, Michael Lalli, Tom Gorman, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Daniel Adamski, first, and Tom Gorman, second in 50-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Kyle Sullivan, third in 100-yard freestyle; Kyle Sullivan, first, and Michael Lalli, second in 50-yard backstroke; Michael Lalli, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

The team of Rebecca Morytko, Jennifer Reid, Shannon Costa, and Rachel Morris placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Jennifer Grimaldi, Christina Climo, Kaitlin Morris, and Amanda Therrien placed third.

Katie Gallagher, second, and Lisa Niedziela, third in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Lauren Gaffney, Christina Climo, Amanda Boissonnea, and Amy Jensen placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Amanda Therrien, Jennifer Grimaldi, Kaitlin Morris, and Melissa King placed second.

Rachel Morris, second, and Amy Jensen, third in 200-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first, and Amanda Boissonnea, second in 50-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first, and Rachel Morris, third in 100-yard butterly; Christina Climo, first, and Rebecca Morytko, third in 100-yard freestyle; Jennifer Reid, first, and Lisa Niedziela, third in 100-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first, and Rebecca Morytko, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

Matthew Francis, first in 200-yard freestyle and first in 50-yard freestyle; and Nathan Adamski, first in 100-yard freestyle and first in 100-yard backstroke.

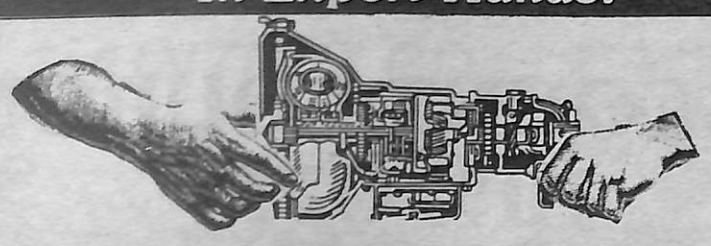
Girls 15-18:

Sarah Nacewicz, first in 200-yard individual medley; Brenna McGinn, first, Katherine Carey, second, and Lisa Niedziela, third in 50-yard freestyle; Brenna McGinn, first in 100-yard freestyle; Sarah Nacewicz, first, and Katherine Carey, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

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Tough As Nails Describes Jeff Blews

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli called tailback Jeff Blews, "Pound for pound, the toughest kid I ever coached."

The 5'8", 160-pound senior ran for 1,089 yards on 177 carries this season, including an 89-yard sprint and a 93-yard dash for a TD in the West Side game. He scored 11 touchdowns and two on a conversion for 68 points. Without doubt, he has engraved himself in Agawam-West Side football lore with those two end-to-end runs.

Recently, "Blewsie," as his teammates call him, took some time out to talk about himself and his time at AHS.

Jeff is 18 years-old. He has attended Agawam High for four years. His courses include practical law, fourth year English, an auto calss, and architectural drawing.

His favorite teacher is Bill Moore (practical law), who is also the defensive coordinator for the football team.

He would like to attend college. But he's not really sure what his future holds right now. "I'd like to go to a Division Two school and play football. My coaches here say I could do well at that level," he says.

As of now, Jeff hasn't been contacted by anyone. But, if some school is looking for a kid with some talent and a tremendous work ethic who doesn't know the meaning of the word "quit," Jeff is good bet.

Jeff plays football in the fall and wrestles in the winter. He likes football the best because he's played it for the last eight years, first in the Suburban Youth League, then at AHS.

On the season just finished, he notes. "We started out slow and made some mistakes, which cost us. But we gained confidence as things went along. A lot of guys stepped up. We never lost confidence in ourselves."

Jeff's favorite food is steak, which seems fitting for a kid who is a tough, meat-and-potatoes runner.

His favorite color is blue. Maybe black and blue might also be a hue he favors. Because that's the way a lot of defenders end up when they encounter him on a football field.

He has a classy taste when it comes to cars. He favors the Z-3 BMW.

San Diego Chargers linebacker Junior Seau is his favorite athlete. Jeff, who also plays that position on defense, plays a little like an economy-size Seau. His favorite team is the Pittsburgh Steelers.

His favorite hangout is the gym. "Fitness First," he says. "I really like to lift weights."

He tends to favor casual clothes — jeans, sweaters. Ties are not high on his list of fashion statements.

Van Halen is his favorite group. His top TV show is "Martin" starring Martin Lawrence. "Twister" is his choice for a big-screen flick.

The person he looks up to is his brother, Kenneth, who also played football at Agawam High School.

He would like to be remembered at AHS as a hard-hitting football player who never gave up, was always on the field, and played tenaciously.



FEW WOULD DISPUTE that Agawam High senior football player Jeff Blews is one of the toughest kids around on the gridiron.

Without A Doubt, Melissa Troie Will Be Remembered For Grit & Talent

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Melissa Troie is one tough young lady. In her girls' soccer career as a goalie for the Brownies, she's had her share of injuries. They include a broken leg in her freshman year and a goal mouth collision during the 1995 season against West Side, which earned her an ambulance ride to the hospital.

Melissa, a senior, is 18 years-old. She's attended Agawam High for four years.

Her curriculum is college-oriented, with courses in Advanced Placement English and calculus. She's also the assistant editor for the yearbook, as well as a writer and photographer for the school paper, the MIRROR.

Her favorite courses are English and her work on the yearbook and the MIRROR.

Her favorite teacher is David Pulaski, who is the long-time yearbook advisor and was her geometry instructor as a freshman.

She'd like to attend Emerson College in Boston, with an eye towards a job in communications.

Besides soccer, she also holds down the first base spot on the varsity softball team when spring rolls around.

She likes both sports. But soccer has been a little rough. In that collision over at West Springfield, she got a bad concussion. "I also had a bone in my ear broken when I got hit then. For about six months, I wasn't able to maintain complete equilibrium. I even had to change my batting stance in softball because I couldn't see the ball that well out of my left eye." Then she chuckled, "They didn't even give the girl that hit me a yellow card."



MELISSA TROIE

Melissa felt the 1996 soccer season had its "ups and downs." Agawam failed by a point to make the playoffs. But she added, "We tried not to think of the down times but rather what was positive, like our 1-1 tie with Cathedral and our 3-1 win over East Longmeadow."

She also admitted that the West Side injury was on her mind at the start of the year. But it slowly receded into a dim memory as she fought to get her confidence back, which she did. "I think I played some of my best soccer towards the end of the season," she noted.

Chinese food is her favorite fare. Forest green is her color of choice.

If she could tool around Agawam in any automobile, it would be a red Mustang convertible.

Tennis star Monica Seles is her top jock. She likes any New England team. But right now it's the Patriots, who are making a strong big for the AFC East title and a prime place in the playoffs.

Hampton Beach is a favorite escape, where she almost always finds a spirited game of beach volleyball to keep her busy. "My favorite clothes are anything from the GAP," she smiles.

Her taste in music covers just about everything. Alanis Morissette is her favorite singer.

"Party of Five" is her TV show of choice. She likes "Rocky IV" on the big screen. "I listen to the music from the movie before every soccer game," she admits.

The person she looks up to the most is her AHS softball coach, Deb Lickley.

She hopes to be remembered this way when her days at AHS are done: "I want them to say that I was one of the busiest kids they ever saw. I want them to know that I tried to get the most possible out of my high school experience while I was there."

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by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

The Deer Season Has Started!

Deer season started off with a bang on Monday. Area hunters began the day in a steady downpour. Thankfully, the weather moderated a bit and sunshine filled the early afternoon hours.

As of this writing, I only saw three deer heading for the checking station. The traditional opening day harvest may be down somewhat this year, due to the miserable conditions faced by many hunters Monday morning. Quite a few deer hunters opted to postpone their stay in the woods until things dried out a little.

Remember that you must wear at least 500 square inches of hunter orange front, back, and wear a hunter orange hat. As ridiculous as it sounds, there may still be someone out there that just never gets the message.

It was only a few years ago that I happened upon a particular fool, in camo, head to toe and who had a set of rattling antlers hung around his neck. Talk about an open invitation to disaster!

Area houndmen are cooling their heels until after deer season. Some of the rabbit beaglers are doing some heavy-duty dog trading. Several good rabbit beagles have recently sold in excess of $1,000.

Coon hides are again fetching respectable prices and some area coon hunters are itching to get out after deer season, when the hides are prime and in their cold weather peak. Good friend George and his wife Kerri have had some good runs with their blueticks lately, and will be looking foreword to the end of deer season.

If you have never been on a coon hunt, and know of someone with a good dog or two, give them a call and see if you can tag along! If you get a run going, I guarantee that it will probably be an experience you won't forget.

There are not many people who are lukewarm about coon hunting. It is usually a love it or hate it proposition. I guess it depends on how well you like running up and down mountains, slogging through swamps and picking your way through acres of brambles and thorns in the dark.

Don't let the previous statement discourage you. A night of following the hounds sure beats anything found on T.V. and besides, it gives you a good excuse to get out of the house after supper.

Fishing has slowed down and is in that awful "in between" period that occurs when the ponds have started to ice over, and the time that the ice is thick enough to walk on. Thank goodness the river is still open and fishable.

Games & Lanes Indoor Lacrosse Leagues

(1st Session; Standings As Of 11/30/96)

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Minnechaug	3	0	0	6
Longmeadow	2	1	0	4
Agawam 2	2	1	0	4
Agawam 1	1	2	0	2
Westfield 1	1	2	0	2
Westfield 2	0	3	0	0

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS	W	L	T	P
McWear Lacrosse	4	0	0	8
Minnechaug	3	1	0	6
Westfield 2	2	0	0	4
Soatstone Scorpions	1	2	0	2
South Hadley	1	2	0	2
Westfield 3	1	3	0	2
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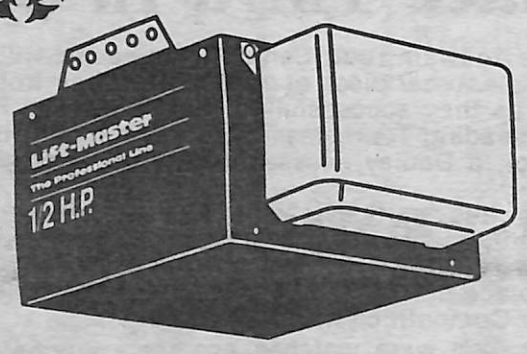
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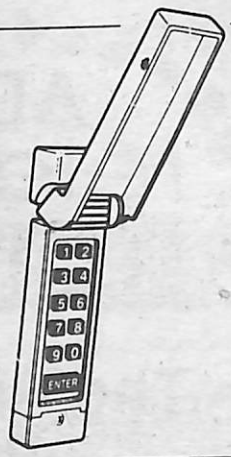
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St. Mike's Grabs Round One Crown In Tri-Parish Bowling

Round One of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League is over. And St. Michael, with a late kick, was crowned the round champs in the Monday night league held at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension.

St. Michael's (27 wins) defeated the challenge of second place St. Mary (22 wins) in the key match of the week. St. Mike's winners were leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (303, 83.28 in Women's C) and Captain JERRY ALLEN (377, second in Men's Open at 121.18). Jerry flattened St. Mary's Captain RICH SNYDER (302, 111.14 in Men's AA).

St. Mike's did have two winners - second roller BOB BURKE (315, 106.3 in Unclassified) and third roller JOHN MLINEK (307, 97.2 in Men's B).

Next up was third place Catholic University (22 wins) and fifth place Holy Cross (20 wins). CU winners were third roller FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (332, 100.9 in Men's B) and wicked hot substitute Captain LANCE POIRIER (399). He defeated a strong effort by HC Captain PAULA BURKE (344, 110.1 in Women's Open). The two HC winners were leadoff MARSHA DOBIE (266, leads Women's C at 86.2) and second roller "Wild" BILL ALDRICH (315, 94.2 in Men's B). Rolling well in a losing effort for CU was second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (304).

Fourth place Notre Dame (21 wins) faced ninth place Boston College (17 wins) over on Lanes 9 & 10. ND winners were MARY THOMAS (276, 97.9 in Women's AA) and VENETTA SNYDER (300, 94.3 in Women's A). BC winners were DAVEY "Boy" ALDRICH (248 - bad night for Davey "Boy" - leads Men's C at 94.23) and Captain "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (320, 99.21 in Men's A). "Jungle" Jim managed to defeat last year's women's queen, FLORENCE ROCHFORD (311, 103.12 in Women's Open).

Over on Lanes 1 & 2, St. Louis (8th place/17 wins) and Georgetown (7th place/19 wins) faced off. St. Lou had two winners - substitute and old friend LARRY VIENS (329) and Captain GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (351, leads Men's AA at 117.2). The two G-Town winners were LOU NAPOLITAN (230, 89.26 in Men's C) and another old-friend favorite, "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI (331).

G-Town Captain "Wilder" BILL GRIFFIN stumbled with a 292 effort (111.2 in Men's A) and DEBBIE POIRIER, the top women's roller at 111.14, hit a 317 in a losing effort to Mr. Viens.

The final match of the night pitted last place St. Anselm (16 wins) against sixth place Fordham (19 wins). This was a pretty good match, too. St. A's winners were second roller MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (a huge 333, 93.20 in Women's A) and Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDREW. "Luscious" was like a kid in the chocolate factory after this one because he defeated his brother, the famous "Jollie" OLLIE MULDREW, 350-322. "Luscious" moved his average to 104.4 in Men's AA while "Jollie" rolls at 108.4 in the Men's Open.

The two winners for Fordham were leadoff LINDA TOBEY (252, 79.18 in Women's C) and third roller JOHN LONCRINI (325, 102.23 in Men's A). It should be mentioned that DON "Don't Sit On" STITT hit a 300 in a losing effort to Mr. Loncrini.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM YOUTH SENIOR CHEERLEADERS. Top row, from left - Amanda Lemieux, Vanessa Planzo, Kim Chmura, Bianca Chase, Anne Shibley, Heather Ferguson, and Christina Anderson. Second row - Kari Trauschke, Megan Loomis, Danielle Cardin, Erin Dearing, Ashley Guiel, Jamie Santos, and Ashlee Lorraine. Front row - Captains Aimee Piccin, Jenna Bodurtha, Jessica Forni, and Lauren DeLuca. This year's coach was Donna Bodurtha.

Agawam Youth Senior Cheerleaders Place Third In State Tournament

The Agawam Youth Senior Cheerleaders will be adding another piece of hardware to their trophy case as they successfully competed in the Fall Cheerleading Tournament at Shepherd Hill High School in Dudley, Massachusetts on December 1st.

For this particular competition, the squad (seventh and eighth grade) was upgraded to the Junior High Division I category as a result of its first place finish in the recent Emmanuel College Cheer Competition held last month.

The girls were matched against a number of competition-experienced teams located throughout the state that have won championships in the past and the Warriors earned a third place trophy for their efforts.

Senior team members include Christina Anderson, Jenna Bodurtha, Danielle Cardin, Bianca Chase, Kimberly Chmura, Erin Dearing, Lauren DeLuca, Heather Ferguson, Jessica Forni, Ashley Guiel, Amanda Lemieux, Megan Loomis, Ashlee Lorraine, Aimee Piccin, Vanessa Planzo, Jamie Santos, Anne Shibley, and Kari Trauschke.

The head coach is Donna Bodurtha, who was assisted by members of the Agawam High varsity cheerleaders, Kristin Ferguson and Natalie Piccin.

They will be honored at their annual banquet held at Ferruccio's in Agawam this coming week. The girls would like to thank all of the sponsors and especially their parents for the continued support and assistance during this season.

Agawam Little League Baseball Plans Umpire's Sign-Ups For December 7th

Agawam Little League will be holding sign-ups for umpires for the 1997 spring/summer season on Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam Center.

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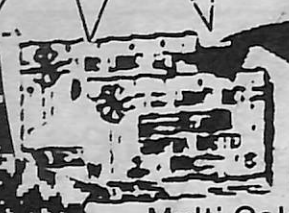
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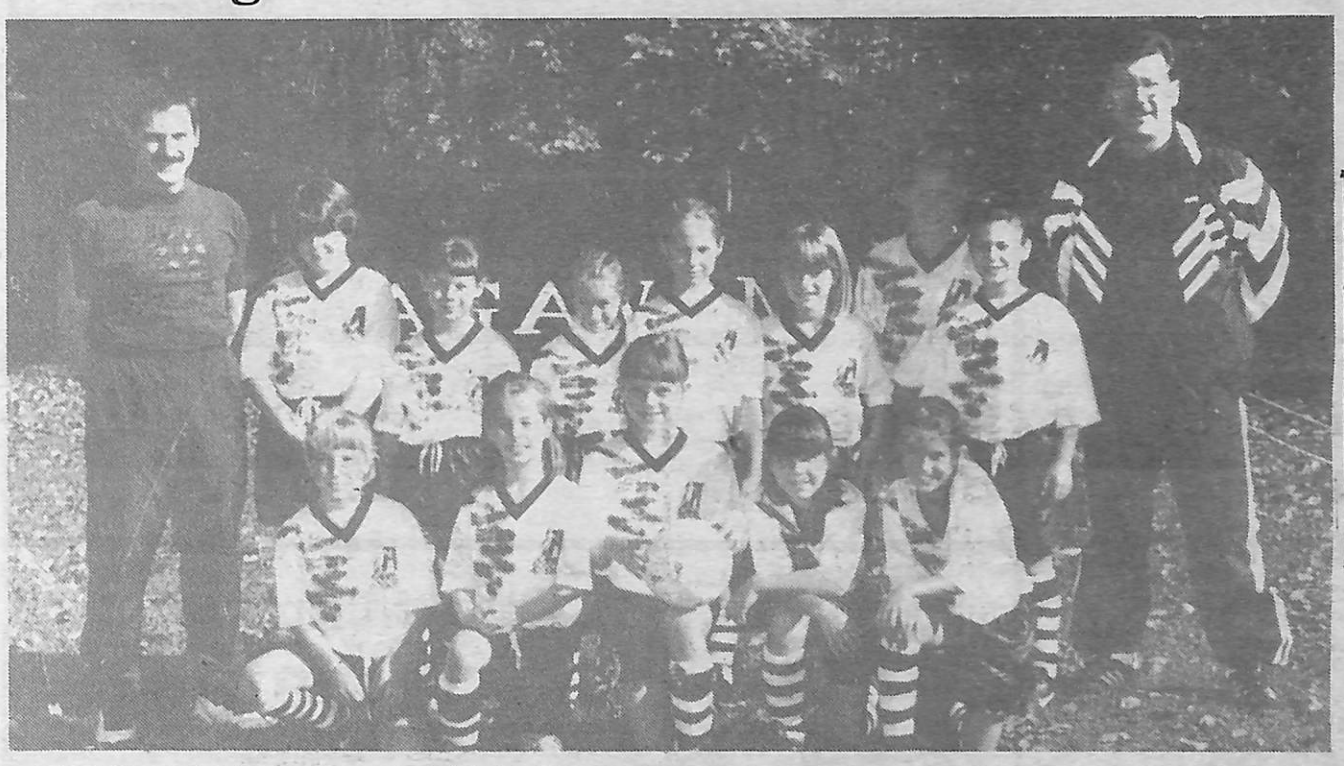
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TEAM MEMBERS of the U14 Agawam Soccer Association's In-Town 1996 co-champs. Back row - Coach Neal Ellsworth. Next row - Brian Cote, Christopher Bergeron, Shannon Malanson, Adam Ellsworth, Brian Benson, Ryan Malanson, Corey Hobbs, and Mike Bates. Front row - Diane Jensen, Daniel Shepard, Matthew Szoka, Jared Hamre, Nicole Gutowski, and David Hearn.

Agawam Hotshots Place 2nd In U9



TEAM MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HOTSHOTS, a Pioneer Valley Junior Girls' Soccer League team sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association, finished second in their respective league in the fall of 1996. Back row, from left - Assistant Coach Herb Holl, Teresa Murphy, Shelley Schivley, Ashley Proulx, Lindsey Surprenant, Thara Sekkal, Alicia Holl, Bethany Garvin, and Coach Chuck Schivley. Front row - Laura Provost, Marisa Ayotte, Amanda Dolan, Lauren Surprenant, and Erika Prouty.

Games And Lanes Indoor Soccer Leagues

(1st Session; Standings As Of 12/01/96)

U-9 BOYS	W	L	T	P
West Side Thunder	3	0	0	6
Disasters	2	1	0	4
Westfield Strikers	1	1	1	3
Panthers	1	1	1	3
Ball Hogs	1	2	0	2
Agawam Lightning	0	3	0	0

U-14 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Easthampton	3	0	0	6
Westfield United	2	1	0	4
Agawam Hawks	1	2	0	2
Palmer	0	3	0	0

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS	W	L	T	P
Bruno's	3	0	0	6
Easthampton	3	0	0	6
Westfield Berzerkers	2	1	0	4
Holyoke Blue Knights	1	1	1	3
Holyoke S.C. Green	1	1	1	3
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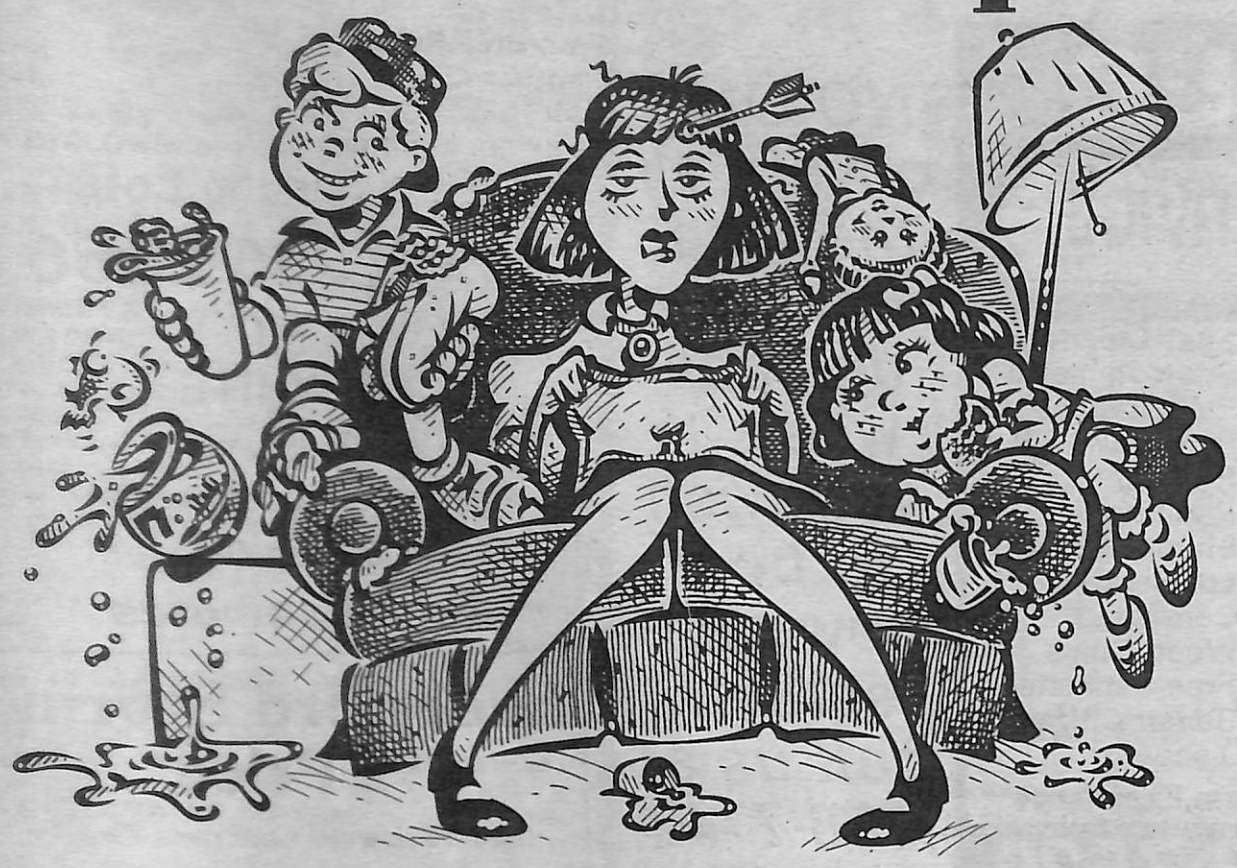
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